

Rom 12:1-2
Title: Living Sacrifice =
Total Satisfaction
Series: Transforming Truths

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1. Introduction

a. Change - to become something else

- caterpillar changes to butterfly
- # transform = change = metamorphosis

b. Book Transforming Truths, by
Jim Schetter

2. Transforming Truths

3. Total sacrifice = Total Satisfaction

a. Paul wrote letter to Romans
(church at Rome)

b. Context

- Rom chap 1-3 All guilty before God
- chap 4-7 Justified, Regeneration, Salvation, Sanctification
- chap 8 - Adoption, Indwelling Spirit
- chap 9-11 God's plans for Israel
- God's plans for the Gentiles
- chap 12 Christian living

3. Meaning of Living Sacrifice?

a. What is a sacrifice?

- in other religions, animal killed & put on altar in religious house of worship
- in Judaism, animal killed in front of Jewish Temple in Jerusalem

b. Christianity = Jesus killed on cross as Lamb of God

- John 1:29, 36

c. Christians to see themselves as devoted to God's service

- devoted to Christian living
- not indulging in selfish reasons for life

4. Reason for Becoming Living Sacrifice

a. Physical body

- 1 Cor 3:16-17 Christian body is living temple of God
- 1 Cor 6:17-20 joined with God - Christian bought with price of Jesus' death

4a (const) temple of God

- Christian belongs to God now
- Christian does not belong to themselves anymore
- Christian committed to follow God's rules for living - Rom 6:11-12, 16

b. Give forgiveness freely to others

- God first forgave you - Rom 5:8
 - * God's mercies endure forever
- Christian shows mercy & forgiveness to others
- Christian copies God's example

5. How to Become Living Sacrifice

a. Life restrictions

- God's standard for sexual behavior
 - * Marriage (1 man & 1 woman) - Mt 19:4-6
 - x Not living together
 - x No fornication
 - x No adultery

- God's standard for living

- * Live moral life
- * Speak truth (not lies) - Eph 4:15
- * Golden Rule - Mt 22:36-40
 - x Behave with others as you wish others to behave with you
- * No favoritism towards those within your influence - James 1:9-10, 2:19

b. Salvation

- Specific event (in time) - Rom 10:8-11

- * Compared to wedding ceremony - 2 Cor 11:2, Rev 19:7-9
- * Jesus died on cross once
- * Person believes in Jesus death, burial, & resurrection at one time of decision

- Significant event

- * World changing decision/event
- * God offers free gift - everlasting life - Rom 6:23, Rom 2:11, Acts 10:34

c. God's mercy in today's life

- * 1 Cor 10:13 God gives way of escape from temptation
- * James 2:13 Mercy triumphs over judgment