

**GRACE  
BIBLE  
CHURCH**

— *Lorton* —

**<sup>1</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.**

**-Rom 12:1-2**

**Our passage today will teach us that we are called to present our lives to God as a living sacrifice, not conforming to the worldly culture, but being transformed by the renewing of our mind.**

**Romans Chapter 1-11: Christian Doctrine - Right thinking and belief about God**

**Romans Chapter 12-16: Christian Living – Right Practice and outward expression**

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**Rom 12:1**

**“God’s wrath, God’s righteousness, God’s judgment, the fall, sin, death, Jesus’s death, Jesus’s resurrection, justification, the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives, sanctification, keeping us, absolute sovereignty (Romans 9), and faithfulness to his elect and to Israel”**

**-Commentary**

**If you know these things you are blessed if you do them.**

**John 13:17**

**It is designed not only to inform our judgments, but to reform our hearts and lives...and the foundation of Christian practice must be laid in Christian knowledge and faith**

**-Matthew Henry**

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**Rom 12:1b**

## **A Whole Sacrifice**

**Offer Yourself. All of You. Your Whole Person. Your Whole Life. TO GOD.**

# True Worship

**“We think of sacrifice as the giving away of something of extreme value. There is an element of that in biblical sacrifice, but the primary point is not that we should lose something but that we should express something. The whole principle of giving to God is an expression of worship.”**

**-R.C. Sproul**

## **Point number 2: A Call For Nonconformity**

**2 Do not be conformed to this age**

**Rom 12:2a**

**“Age” carries with it a sense of the beliefs, the philosophies, the methodologies, and the strategies of the fallen world in which we live. It is not just the world and its people in their fallen state. It is the worldviews and practices that derive from the fallen state that define the age in which humans live at any time in history.**

**-Kenneth Boa & William Kruidenier**

**Part of being in the world means that we are in constant spiritual warfare. And two things that can help us live out this command not to be conformed to the world are: Evaluation & Fortification.**

## **Point number 3: A Call For Calibration**

**but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.**

**Rom 12:2b**

**Command: Be transformed**

**Means of transformation: By the renewing of your mind**

**Purpose of transformation: So that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.**

**In this same way, as instruments of God's grace and mercy, we too need calibration.**

**“so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing,  
and perfect will of God.”**

**Rom 12:2c**