

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Romans 12:1-2

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Romans 12:1-2.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

Therefore I urge you,
 brethren,
 by the mercies of God,
 to present your bodies a living
 and holy sacrifice,
 acceptable to God,
 which is your spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed
 by the renewing
 of your mind,
 so that you may prove what the will of God is,
 that which is good
 and acceptable
 and perfect.

1. What is the context of the passage? To what is the “therefore” referring?
2. How does this context set the reader up for chapter twelve? (Skim through chapter 12 if it helps).
3. What is Paul urging the brethren to do?
4. Notice there is not agreement in the number (singular/plural nature) of bodies (plural) and “a sacrifice” (singular). Why did Paul do this? Is this a mistake?

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5. How are they able to do this task? How is this tied back to the previous context?
6. What are ways that one might try to accomplish this task outside of the mercy of God?
7. Why does Paul use the oxymoron of a “living sacrifice?” What does this description communicate?
8. How does one present their body as a living sacrifice? How does one present their body as a holy sacrifice?

❖ Day 2

Read Romans 12:1-2 again.

9. What makes a sacrifice acceptable to God?
10. What is a “spiritual service of worship?” Why might Paul describe this activity in this manner instead of saying something else?
11. How do verses 1 and 2 relate to each other?
12. What commands are used by Paul in these verses?
13. What does it mean to be conformed to the world? What does it mean to not be conformed to this world?
14. Instead of being conformed to the world, what are Christians supposed to do?

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15. How is one transformed? What is the method provided for how this transformation takes place?

❖ Day 3

Read Romans 12:1-2 again.

16. What does it mean to renew your mind?

17. Why does Paul say we are to be transformed in this way (renewal of mind)?

18. How does transformation in this way prove what God's will is?

19. What descriptors are given to describe the will of God?

20. Why might Paul include all three of these descriptors?

21. What do these descriptors tell us about God if they are indeed part of His will? What do they tell us about what we should be transformed into?

22. Summarize the passage in 20 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, pray that by the mercy of God he would transform you by the renewal of your mind. Pray that you would learn to better offer your life as a holy and acceptable sacrifice to God in worship. Pray God would help you take steps to apply this passage to your daily life.