



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **THIS CHRISTIAN LIFE**
Series: **TRANSFORMED: GOD'S POWER CHANGES EVERYTHING.**
Text: **Romans 12:1-2. Kevin T. Hardy**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Ro 12:1–2).

Four _____ in Romans.

- _____ . **Therefore** no one will be declared righteous in God's sight
- _____ **Therefore**, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- _____ . **Therefore**, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus
- _____ . **Therefore**, I urge you, brothers, **in view of God's mercy**

WHAT IS THIS CHRISTIAN LIFE?

1. YOU _____ YOUR WHOLE LIFE TO CHRIST in WORSHIP!

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*19 Do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own**; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore **honor God with your body**. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NIV)*

Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather **offer yourselves to God**, as those who have been brought from death to life; and **offer the parts of your body to him** as instruments of righteousness. (Ro 6:13).

WHAT KIND OF SACRIFICE?

- _____ - The sacrifice of which Paul writes demands not the destruction but the full energy of life. It is positive and dynamic.
- _____ - which we understand as "consecrated" or "dedicated" . It is given over entirely to God; the believer is his alone.
- _____ - That is, it is the kind of sacrifice God accepts as satisfying his expectations.

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- _____ “is nothing less than the offering of one's whole self in the course of one's concrete living, in one's inward thoughts, feelings and aspirations, *but* also in one's words and deeds”

2. _____ THE WORLD AND _____ YOUR MIND

Do not **conform** any longer to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Rom. 12:2

“Since the voice of both verbs is passive, Paul's readers are not the agents ultimately responsible for either action. Some unnamed, **external force is responsible for the pressure to conform** and another for **the possibility of their transformation.**” William Greathouse

Who are these anonymous actors?

1. _____ - “Don't let the world around you **squeeze you** into its own mould.” (Philips)
2. _____ - Transformation from the inside out. “Instead be **progressively transformed** by the **constant renewing of your mind.**”
 - The word for **be transformed** Paul uses in Rom 12, *metamorphousthe*, is the source of the English word “metamorphosis.”
 - “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being **transformed** into his likeness with **ever-increasing glory**, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit”. (2 Cro. 3:18)
 - Paul uses **mind** (*nous*) to refer to a person's “**moral consciousness**”

3. MAKE RIGHT _____ - DO GOD'S WILL

Then you will be able **to test** and **approve** what **God's will is**—his **good, pleasing and perfect will.**
Rom. 12:2b

“We ask God to give you **complete knowledge of His will** and to **give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.** Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, **you will grow as you learn to know God better and better**” (Colossians 1:9-10, NLT).