



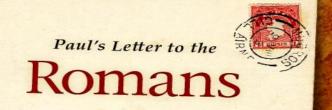
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- b. 4 ways you can win your battle with sin.
- c. 4 ways you can truly worship the Lord.
- d. 4 ways you can be pleasing to the Lord.



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- 4) Changing the way you think, to be how God thinks. 12:2b





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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.





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- √ "present" (bring)
- √ "sacrifice"
- √ "acceptable"
- √ "worship"

WHAT ARE WE TO OFFER?



Ourselves

You are to step forward and, instead of placing an animal on the altar. You place yourself on that altar. <u>Not</u> as something that is to be <u>killed</u> for God but as someone who now <u>LIVES</u> for God!



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MATT 16:24-25

(MK 8:34; LK 9:23)



"Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.



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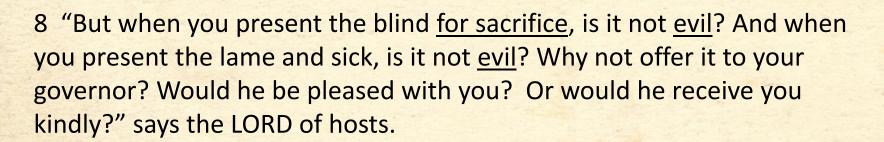
THE OFFERING WAS TO BE WITHOUT BLEMISH

Lev. 22:20 "Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it will not be accepted for you."

<u>Deut. 15:21</u> "If it has any defect, such as lameness or blindness, or any serious defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.

MALACHI 1:7-10

7 "You are presenting <u>defiled food</u> upon <u>My altar</u>. But you say, 'How have we defiled You?' In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is to be despised.'





9 "But now will you not entreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us? With such an offering on your part, will He receive any of you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

10 "Oh that there were <u>one among you</u> who would shut the gates, that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD of hosts, "<u>nor will I accept an offering from you."</u>

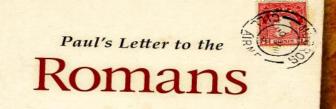


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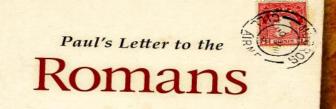


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CAIN AND ABEL

GEN. 4:3-7



"So it came about in the course of time that <u>Cain</u> brought an <u>offering</u> to the LORD <u>of the fruit of the ground</u>. <u>Abel</u>, on his part also brought of the <u>firstlings</u> of his flock and of their <u>fat</u> portions. And the LORD <u>had regard</u> for <u>Abel</u> and for <u>his offering</u>; but for <u>Cain</u> and for <u>his offering</u> He had <u>no regard</u>. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? "<u>If you do well</u>, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do <u>not do well</u>, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."



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