

*Paul's Letter to the*  
**Romans**

*Ch. 12:2*





## POSSIBLE TITLES FOR THIS TEXT



- a. 4 ways you can be successful in your walk with the Lord.
- 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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#1



➤ Change the way you view your life.



# 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. Not as something that is to be killed for God but as someone who now LIVES for God!





# 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.”

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



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# CONFORM

- To go along with.
- To fall in line with.
- “To form according to a pattern. To mold.”





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# BE TRANSFORMED



- The word literally means be “metamorphosized”
- The Holy Spirit did this at salvation but it doesn't stop there.
- Titus 3:5 “He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.”



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# RENEWING YOUR MIND



- It's a compound word (ἀνακαίνωσις)
- It's the word "new" with the prefix "again"



The Sinner in Romans 1:18-32

vs.

the Saint in Romans 12:1-2

You—before and AFTER Christ



Wrath.	(1:18)
Bodies dishonor God.	(1:24)
Worship and serve creature.	(1:25)
Futile in their speculations.	(1:21)
Exchanges the truth for a lie.	(1:25)
Idol worship (Animals, sun, rocks).	(1:25)
Do not seek to honor God.	(1:21)
Do not acknowledge God.	(1:28)
Wants the approval of the world.	(1:32)

Mercy.	(12:1)
Bodies are given as a “living sacrifice”.	(12:1)
Worship God with our spiritual service of worship.	(12:1)
Renewed Mind.	(12:2)
Embraces the truth and is transformed.	(12:2)
Reasonable/logical worship of God.	(12:1)
Wants to be acceptable to God.	(12:2)
Seeks to be pleasing to God.	(12:2)



# BEFORE CHRIST



1 Corinthians 2:14 “But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”



# 1 PETER 1:13-16



“Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”



BE TRANSFORMED  
BY THE  
RENEWING OF YOUR MIND



When the mind is learning and believing great truths from the Word of God and the heart is open and accepting of the transformational power and correction of the Holy Spirit, THAT is when the mind is renewed, THAT is when you are transformed.



# THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE SCRIPTURES

PSALM 19:7-10



The Law of the LORD is perfect,  
The Testimony of the LORD is sure,  
The Precepts of the LORD are right,  
The Commandment of the LORD is pure,  
The Fear of the LORD is clean,

restoring the soul;  
making wise the simple.  
rejoicing the heart;  
enlightening the eyes.  
enduring forever;

The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.

They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey  
and the drippings of the honeycomb.”



## 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”





ITS MORE IMPORTANT THAN  
YOUR DAILY FOOD



Deut. 8:3 "Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD."



# WHERE DID JOB FIND COMFORT?

JOB 23;10-12



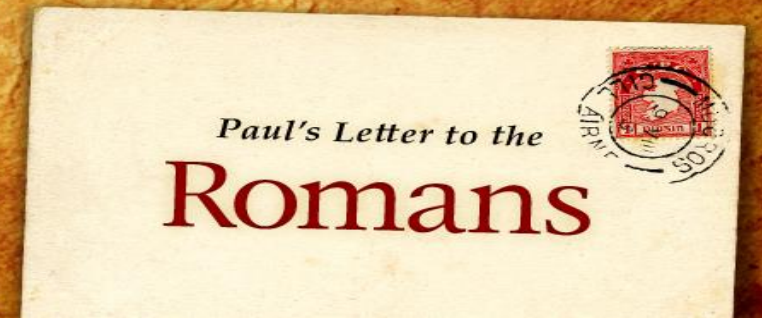
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