

# Discipleship

## (4) A Living Sacrifice

Rom 12:1-5

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3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. 4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. NASU

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**Addressed to 'brothers', i.e. all believers. Contrast with 12:3-8, which is individuals.**

What is this *universal* appeal to all believers? **12:b** Comment? **6:12-13**

**It is to present our bodies as a living (not dead!) sacrifice. Usually sacrifices are dead!**

How is the *purpose* of our *living sacrifice* described? **12:1c; IPet.2:4-5**

**It is our (personally) holy, spiritual worship and it is acceptable (pleasing, fit) to God.**

Why is *pleasing God impossible* for an unbeliever? **Heb.11:6; Jn.6:40,8:40;Mt.3:16-17**

**Only those who place their faith in Christ as Lord and Savior can please Him! By Faith!**

How does Paul later describe being a *living sacrifice*? **Eph.4:1-7, 11-16; Col.1:9-10**

**It is how we walk, that is how we live life. We're forgiven, redeemed. Live like it!**

So what are we *not to do*? **12:2a; IPet.1:13-16** What are we *to do*? **12:2b; Eph.4:22-24**

**Do not be conformed to this world (lifestyle). Be transformed by renewing of your mind**

And what is the purpose of having a renewed mind? 12:2c; **Eph.5:15-17**

**It is to prove (test, approve) God's will for you, His good, acceptable and perfect will.**

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**Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought! God resists the proud, seek grace!**

How are we to think of ourselves? **12:3b, 6; IPet.1:13, 4:7, 5:8; Eph.4:7, 15-16**

**With sound (sober) mind! God has allotted to each a specific measure (portion) of faith.**

What is Paul's object lesson for the next doctrinal truth? **12:4; ICor.12:12**

**Our bodies have many members. One body yet many members, each w/unique function**

Application? **12:5; ICor.12:12-14, 20, 27; Eph.4:25; Col.1:24**

**All Christians comprise one body, all supporting one another yet all unique in Christ.**