



**GREETINGS FROM
TUCSON BIBLE
CHURCH**

Romans 12:1–2 — 1 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

- **The purpose of the book is to show us the grace of God in giving us Positional Righteousness and Experiential Righteousness.**
- **Both are received by FAITH**
- **The purpose of this book is to show us the grace of God in giving us both Eternal Life and the Abundant Life.**

- **LAST THOUGHT OF CHAP. 8,
NOTHING CAN EVER SEPARATE US
FROM THE LOVE OF GOD..
THEREFORE, PAUL URGES US
BECAUSE OF GOD'S MERCY.. WHICH
WE ARE EXPERIENCING.. TO
PRESENT OUR BODIES AS A LIVING
SACRIFICE.**

- **LAST THOUGHT OF CHAPTER 11.**
- **VS. 34.. WE HAVE THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE MIND OF GOD, GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.. ONLY HE AND NOT US IS QUALIFIED TO BE HIS COUNSELOR.. NOT US.**
- **VS. 35.. WHO HAS EVER PAID GOD IN ADVANCE FOR ANY THING... LIKE.. SAY.. ETERNAL LIFE.. THAT GOD NOW OWES US SOMETHING?**
- **ANSWER: NO ONE.**
- **GOD DOES NOT OWE US. WE HAVE ONLY ONE THING OF VALUE WE CAN OFFER GOD: OUR TRUST IN HIM.**

- **VS. 36. EVERY THING YOU HAVE IS OUT FROM THE SOURCE OF ALL, THE MEANS OF ALL AND ALL THINGS ARE FOR HIM...**
- **TO HIM BELONGS ALL THE GLORY.. NOT US. AMEN.**
- **THEREFORE IT ONLY MAKES LOGICAL SENSE FOR US ENTRUST OUR ENTIRE BEING, OUR ENTIRE LIFE TO GOD.**

CONCLUSION:

**OUR GOD IS FAITHFUL
AND MERCIFUL.**

**THEREFORE IT ONLY
MAKES SENSE TO PLACE
OUR ENTIRE LIVES, OUR
ENTIRE BEING TO HIM.**

- **WE ARE TO LEARN DOCTRINE SO WE WILL KNOW MORE THAN MOST DUMB BELIEVERS SO THEY WILL SEE HOW GREAT WE ARE AND THUS, WE WILL BE GLORIFIED!!!**
- **TO ME BE HE GLORY, GREAT THINGS I HAVE LEARNED!!**
- **TO GOD BELONGS ALL GLORY & PRAISE!!!**

**Romans 11:33 (NASB95) — 33 Oh,
the depth of the riches both of the
wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His
judgments and unfathomable His
ways!**

• **SURPRISE!!!**

• **GOD IS NOT INDEBTED TO US!!**

• **WE ARE INDEBTED TO HIM!!**

• **THE ONLY THING WE HAVE THAT
GOD WANTS IS OUR FAITH.**

- **GOOD LOGICAL SENSE: GOD, I TRUSTED YOU COMPLETELY WITH WHERE I AM GOING TO SPEND ETERNITY, BUT I CAN'T REALLY TRUST YOUR PLAN FOR MY LIFE.**

- **TWO THINGS:**
- **FIRST:** FAITH MUST HAVE AN OBJECT. THE OBJECT OF OUR FAITH IS ALWAYS TO BE GOD.
- **SECONDLY:** BEFORE WE CAN TRUST, WE HAVE TO KNOW. BEFORE WE CAN KNOW WE HAVE TO HAVE BEEN TAUGHT.

- **YOU AND I CAN NO MORE GRASP, UNDERSTAND, EXECUTE GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIVES WITH OUT THE POWER, TEACHING AND INSIGHT OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT THAN WE COULD SAVE OURSELVES FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN.**

- **URGE: παρακαλέω**
- **TO COME ALONG SIDE ONE AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM, TO COMFORT THEM, TO AID, TO HELP..**
- **TO INSTILL SOMEONE WITH COURAGE OR CHEER, COMFORT, ENCOURAGE, CHEER UP**
- **as speaking with persistence *earnestly ask for, implore, beg***

- **KNOWLEDGE PRECEDES FAITH.**
- **FAITH PRECEDES LOVING AS CHRIST LOVES**
- **SINCE KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING OF GOD FROM HIS WORD PRECEDES FAITH IN WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND, YOU CAN NOT LOVE GOD NOR LOVE AS GOD LOVES APART FROM KNOWING HOW GOD LOVES AND FROM KNOWING THE MEANS GOD HAS PROVIDED IN HIS GRACE FOR US TO LOVE AS HE LOVES.**
- **IF YOU DON'T KNOW GOD YOU CAN'T TRUST HIM.**
- **IF YOU DON'T KNOW GOD'S WORD THEN YOU WILL NOT UNDERSTAND GOD'S MYSTERY IN THE N.T.**

- **MERCY: οἰκτιρμός**
- **the pity or compassion which one shows for the sufferings of others.**
- **DISPLAY OF CONCERN OVER ANOTHER'S MISFORTUNE, *PITY, MERCY, COMPASSION***
- **it is a concern, sympathy for others which is eager, ready to help..**
- **∴ TO BE SOFT, CHERISHING, OR SOOTHING . IT IS A GENTLE EMOTION OF THE MIND.. IT IS TENDER LOVING CARE**

- **TO PRESENT:** *παρίστημι*
- *place beside, put at someone's disposal*

- **PLACE YOURSELF
UNDER ORDERS TO GOD!**

- **COMPLETE TRUST IN
YOUR COMMANDER'S
BATTLE PLAN!!**

- **HOLY: ἅγιος**
- any matter of religious awe, expiation, sacrifice. Holy, set apart, sanctified, consecrated, saint. It has a common root, *hág-*, with *hagnós* (53), chaste, pure.
- **Its fundamental idea is separation, consecration, devotion to the service of Deity, sharing in God's purity.**

LIVING SACRIFICE.....

2 Corinthians 5:15 (NASB95) — 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

Galatians 2:19 (NASB95) — 19 “For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God.

- **COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE: εὐάρεστος**
- **from *eu* (2095), well, and *aréskō* (700), to please. Well-pleasing, acceptable. Used with reference to God, that which God wills and recognizes**

- *(Spiritual)* REASONABLE: λογικός
- **THAT WHICH COMES FROM RATIONAL THINKING..**
- **THIS IS NOT WORSHIP SUCH AS SINGING SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD.. IT IS MORE THAN THAT.**
- **IT REFERS TO THE DAILY LIFE DETERMINED BY FAITH AS THE TRUE ACT OF WORSHIP.**

- **IT IS YOUR LOGICAL ACT OF WORSHIP WHICH IS MOTIVATED BY YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY TOWARD YOU.**
- **Faith in Holy Spirit who draws, drives us to learn God's Word & then gives us an understanding of God's wonderful love for us.**

- **“Stop being molded by the external and fleeting fashions of this age, but undergo a deep inner change [*metamorphoústhe* {3339}] by the qualitative renewing [*anakainósei* {341}] of your mind.” Such a transformation can be wrought only by the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:18).**
- **2 Corinthians 3:18 (NASB95) — 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**
- Zodiates, S. (2000). *The complete word study dictionary : New Testament* (electronic ed.). Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers.

- **Vs 2**
- **So that you may prove..**
- **δοκιμάζω**
- ② **to draw a conclusion about worth on the basis of testing, *prove, approve,***
- **Pres. Inf. Who you are, ONE WHO IS APPROVING OF GOD PERFECT PLAN FOR THEIR LIVES.. ...**

1.WE TRUST GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

2.WE TRUST HIS PLAN FOR OUR LIVES

**3.WE CAN THEN OFFER OUR ENTIRE
BEING TO GOD AS A LIVING
SACRIFICE**

**4.THEN AND ONLY THEN DOES GOD'S
LOVE LOOK RIGHT TO US EVEN
THOUGH IT DOES NOT LOOK RIGHT
TO OTHERS.**

- **STAY THIRSTY MY FRIENDS FOR GOD'S WORD.**
- **STAY THIRSTY MY FRIENDS FOR TRUTH.**
- **STAY THIRSTY MY FRIENDS FOR TRUTH WHICH WILL CHANGE THE PARADIGM OF YOUR SOUL**

παρακλητος



HOLY SPIRIT
STAY THIRSTY, *my friends*

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