

Rom 12:1-2
"Unashamed of submission" Tues Night
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1. Introduction

- a. Nietzsche "Christianity is servitude..."
 - Christianity is sacrifice of service
- b. Last days perilous times
- c. Die to self - Gal 2:20
 - crucified with Christ (death sentence)
 - Christ lives in me

2. Legitimate solicitation

- a. Family message
 - family of God - adopted as children of God
 - spiritual brothers & sisters
 - Jn 3:3 you must be born again
- b. Found mercy
 - based on God's mercies
 - Eph 2:4 God rich in mercy
 - Micah 7:18 God delights in mercy

3. Living Sacrifice

- a. Reciprocal invitation (presentation)
 - Jesus died on cross for all sins
 - * God invites all to receive His free gift of salvation
 - * gift of eternal life - Rom 6:23
 - Christian freely offers their body as a living sacrifice
- b. Required purity
 - holy sacrifice
 - all lives within required moral boundaries
 - no "dog dish" Christians
 - holiness is acceptable to God
 - * holy living is Christian's reasonable service
- c. Reasonable service
 - sacrifice - given every day

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- a. Lousy Substitute
 - carnal Christian continues crawling off the altar
- b. 2 choices
 - ruinous pattern
 - * conformed to this world
 - * molded by human values only
 - * sin can be attractive
 - pleasure in sin for a season - Heb 11:25
 - * result of sin is terminal - James 1:14-15

- 4c. Replacement principle
- transformed & metamorphosis
 - Christians becomes new creation
 - "new man" - Col 3:10
 - replace the old with the new
- * Eph 4:24

5. Lasting Satisfaction

a. Demonstration of God's goodness

- only God is good - Luke 18:19
- God brings sunshine & rain on all people - Matth 5:45
- Jer 29:11 thoughts of peace
- Ps 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd
- Ps 23:6 surely goodness & mercy shall follow me

b. Destination of God's goodness

- perfect will of God
- bring glory to God
- Christian proves God's will