

**Romans 12:1, 2**  
**Deserving Our Attention**

**1. By the Compassion of God**

A. Therefore

“As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.”

Romans 11:28-32 ESV

11:33-36 Benediction

B. Mercy/Compassion of God

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” -2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ESV

“Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,” Philippians 2:1 NASB1995

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,” -Colossians 3:12 ESV

“Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.” -Hebrews 10:28 ESV

**2. Living Sacrifices**

A. Your Bodies

B. The Sacrificial System

C. He Wants Us to Live

D. Holy

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” -1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV

E. Reasonable Worship

“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” -1 Peter 2:4-5 ESV

“This self-offering is our “reasonable” or “logical” worship”

“Worship, that is, reflective of what we know and recognize to be true of God and what God has done. Humans are capable of being rational and recognizing that God is worthy of worship.”

Ben Witherington, Paul's Letter to the Romans

**3. Be Transformed 2**

A. Do Not Be Conformed

“Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.” -1 Corinthians 1:20-21 ESV

“Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”” -1 Corinthians 3:18-20 ESV

Metamorphosis- Be Transformed

B. Invitation of the Intellect

“Jesus does not want to change only our minds, or what we think; he wants to change our hearts and how we live.” Kevin M. Watson

C. Discern/Prove the Will of God

“If you want to know the will of God, read the Bible”- Sam Rotman

D. Good, Acceptable, and Perfect

“And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.” -Mark 10:17-18 ESV

““Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”” -Matthew 12:33-37 ESV

#### Acceptable

“Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.”  
Romans 14:18 ESV

“Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.” -Ephesians 5:7-10 ESV

“I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.” -Philippians 4:18 ESV

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” -Hebrews 13:20-21 ESV

#### Perfect

“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.”  
Colossians 1:28-29 ESV

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for Thee. -Francis Havergal

*Reflection: Are you being transformed by the power of God today? Are you finding discernment in follow Jesus promised in Romans 12:2?*

#### ***Follow UP in the Word through the Week...***

**Monday:** 1 Peter 2:9-10. When you consider your identity, how does this definition given by Peter connect with that?

**Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 1:20-21. What are some of the elements of the wisdom of this age that contradict the Truth of Scripture? How has God been changing your mind, heart, and life to be in line with Scripture instead of the world's system?

**Wednesday:** Matthew 12:33-37. How does the fruit in your life currently line up with this message from Jesus?

**Thursday:** Ephesians 5:7-10. Define discernment. How do you exercise discernment daily? How do you use it for bigger decisions?

**Friday:** Philippians 4:18. How does Paul describe the offering that was given? What was the offering for? As you worship the Lord in the different ways He calls you to this week keep this description of a pleasing aroma in mind as you give yourself to the Lord.

**Saturday:** Colossians 1:28-29. Paul taught and preached with the goal of maturity or completeness for everyone. What area have you seen the Lord growing you in the most recently? What area needs this work of maturity in your life? Give that to the Lord as you pray to Him now.