

12/07/2026 A Living Sacrifice (13th)

Slide 1 A Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1-2 NIV “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will”.

Slide 2 What is a Living Sacrifice?

θυσίαν ζῶσαν (**thysían zōsan**)

How could a sacrifice that implies killing something be done while still alive?

That means a daily decision to sacrifice the “flesh” (emotions, feeling, instinct).

Exp: When you read that, you can think it's a Paradox. How could a sacrifice that implies killing something be done while still alive? However, it's a daily decision to separate yourself from the world. To be (Holy (hagian)).

Slide 3 Galatians 2:20 “My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Exp: Our decision to abandon our old self is a response for the sacrifice of Jesus for us in that cross for us.

We are not forced to do that, it's a personal decision of having more of Jesus in us.

Slide 4: True and Proper Worship

Reasonable Service / Rational : Greek λογικήν (logikē)

It is a personal decision done intentionally, consciously and aware about what is being done.

Exp: To resist the external pressure from the society (world) around us even though we are living in this world.

Slide 5: The pattern of the world

What is the pattern of the World?

1 João 5:19 “We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.”

Conform: (suschematizo): not be molded

Slide 6 Transformation and Renewing

Transform (**metamorphoo**) It is written in a passive voice.

The apostle Paul says we are gonna be transformed, not the world.

Transformation happens inside and the change is seen outside.

Slide 7 Good, Pleasing and Perfect Will

To test: greek: (dokimazo)

Philippians 4:8 “And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.” NLT

Exp: The consequence of having a new mind is to experience the good, pleasant and perfect will of God. A renewed mind allows you to see things with a different perspective.

Slide 8: Practical Questions

1) How can I renew my mind?

2) Why am I not living the will of God in my life?

Exp: The mind is renewed when we replace the lies of the society for the eternal truth. It is a process of reprogramming what we do, what we watch, what we read, who are the people we walk with and what are the feelings that you cultivate in your heart. Take out every single influence that is not good for you. Instead, we switch those things, praying more, reading more the Bible.

Maybe you are not experiencing the good, pleasing and perfect will of God, because you are not listening nor understanding because your mind is full of dirt and filth. You are not becoming Holy (separated). You need to repent and be a living sacrifice, fighting against these things, so you will be able to test what God has for you.