

The Righteousness of God Revealed! (18-19)

"Living Sacrifices" & "Be Transformed" Romans 12:1-2

Going Beyond the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on January 1 & 8, 2017

Entering In:

Share your New Year's resolution(s) with one another (if you have any).

How may you keep it/them this year differently from previous years?

1. The Scripture reveals that God created human beings for his glory (Is.43:7; Rev.4:11; Col.1:16; Rom.11:36). Then why did God allow Adam and Eve to sin against him?
[Think aloud since there is no simple answer for this question.]

List at least seven ways we can glorify God [e.g. praising God...].

2. Paul typically first teaches "doctrine" and then "duty." Do you think "doctrine" must precede our "responsibility"? Why or why not?

As Paul begins chapter 12 with the conjunction "therefore," what can we expect to find in chapter 12?

3. What is the ground of Paul's exhortation?

To what *mercy* is Paul referring?

- 9:13-16:
- 9:22-24:
- 11:28-32:

How would you define and describe God's *mercy* to you?

4. Paul urges us to offer our *bodies* "as living sacrifices – holy and pleasing to God ..."

Why is it our *bodies* [not our soul or spirit] that Paul urges us to offer as living sacrifices? [cf. 6:13, 19]

How is this different from Christ's sacrifice for us? [cf. 3:25-26]

5. The King James Version translates the end of 12:1 this way – "... which is your *reasonable* service." What does the word "reasonable" imply in this context?

Why do you think other translations use the word "spiritual" instead of "reasonable"? [cf. I Peter 2:2-5]

What makes our sacrifice *holy* and *pleasing to God*? [cf.8:6, 9]

6. What are the three elements of *surrender to God* that were mentioned in the sermon?

- A.
- B.
- C.

7. The word “conform” means “to make an identical thing” or “to shape one’s behavior to some standard.” We all conform to one of two opposing standards in this life. What are they?

- A. _____ (1 John 2:15-17; Colossians 3:5):
- B. _____ (Colossians 3:1-4):

Why do you think we tend to conform to the *pattern of this world* rather than to *God’s will*?

8. Why is the renewal of the mind stated as the *means* by which we are transformed?

The word “renewing” means “renovating” in Greek. To renovate anything, what two kinds of action would have to be performed? [Think of renovation in construction]

What are some specific ways of thinking that need to be changed in your mind?

9. Why must believers test and approve God’s will?

“What is God’s will—his good, pleasing and perfect will” for you?
[Name at least one specific example of God’s will for you.]

Living It Out:

What things do you possess that you would like to surrender (invest) this year?