

# Living Connections Bible Study



## A Living Sacrifice

Prayer:

Text: Romans 12:1-2

Icebreaker: What are some reasons Christians may be fearful of yielding themselves completely to God.

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1. Why does Paul appeal rather than command us to present our bodies as living sacrifices to God? Romans 12:1; Philemon 1:8-9; 2 Corinthians 5:14a

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2. On what grounds does Paul appeal to us to present ourselves as living sacrifices to God? 12:1

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3. Make a list of God's mercies found in the following passages in Romans.

1:16-17

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3:24

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5:1

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5:10

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5:18-19

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7:6

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8:1, 11

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8:18-30

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8:38-39

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4. How does God say about the believer's body? 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

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5. Since we are God's possession we are to present our bodies to Him to use in righteousness. What contradiction does Paul warn the believer of in Romans 6:12-13, 15-16

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6. What trouble do we face, because we are *living* sacrifices, instead of *dead* ones?

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7. So how often should we present our bodies as living sacrifices for God's service?

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8. How is it possible for us to offer ourselves as holy and acceptable sacrifices to God? 12:1; Leviticus 27:9, 28; Ephesians 1:6; Exodus 28:36-38

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9. In the light of God's mercies toward us, what does Paul say of our service/worship when we offer our bodies as living, holy acceptable sacrifices to God? 12:1

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Think about it this week:

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*

Titus 2:11-14