Our Sacrifice and Service to God
Rom. 12:1-2

Introduction:
A. The first eleven chapters of Romans emphasizes the “mercies of God”
   1. “Grace” (21 times) (See 3:24; 4:4; 5:2, 15-21).
   2. “ Mercy” (10 times) (See 9:15-23; 11:30-32)
B. Paul appeals for action required by the “mercies of God” (text).
   1. It demands a life of sacrifice and service to God.
   2. Our service and sacrifice has some basic requirements:

Discussion:
I. Acceptability to God.
   A. Emphasized twice in our text.
   B. Emphasized in other passages (Rom. 14:18; Phil. 4:18; 1 Tim. 2:3; 5:4; 1 Pet. 2:5)
   C. It matters little to whom it acceptable, if not to God.
      1. May be acceptable to ourselves.
      2. May be acceptable to family.
      3. May be acceptable to society.
      4. May be acceptable to church.

II. Completeness of Dedication.
   A. Both body and mind dedicated to His service.
      1. Sacrificed body and renewed mind (text).
      2. Glorify God in body and spirit (1 Cor. 6:20).
   B. A spiritual mind is essential to spiritual life (Rom. 8:5-7)
   C. Our bodies must be holy sacrifices to God.
      1. The body must not be used to commit immorality (1 Cor. 6:13-18).
      2. The body must not be used to promote immorality (Lasciviousness).
      3. They body must be an instrument of righteousness and holiness (Rom. 6:12-14)

III. Transformation of Life.
   A. Transformed life is a changed life (cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-11)
      1. Transformation is metamorphous (Greek)
      2. The renewed mind of a Christian will produce a profound change.
   B. Transformed life is not conformed to the world (v. 2).
      1. World is not longer the pattern for life.
      2. The Lord, through His word, sets the standard of all facets of life.
         a. Conduct (Phil. 1:17)
         b. Speech (Eph. 4:29).
         c. Dress (1 Tim. 2:9).

Conclusion:
A. Are you presenting your body to God?
B. Are you renewing your mind to do God’s will?
C. Why start now by obeying the gospel of Christ?