

ROMANS—Part 74

Romans 12:1

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1. This command can only be heeded by those who belong to God's family.
2. Your eternal destiny is secure in Jesus; in response, you are called to take action.
3. If a person's soul has not been offered to God, he cannot make an acceptable sacrifice. An unsaved person cannot bring offerings to God, because he has not first presented himself to God (Romans 8:8; 1 Corinthians 13:3)
4. Our bodies encompass not only our physical beings, but also all the evil desires of our humanness (Romans 7:22-23).
5. When we surrender to the impulses of the fallen mind, our bodies become instruments of sin.
6. God created the body as good (Genesis 1:27, 31), and despite sin, your body will one day be eternally redeemed.
7. Since you have a new nature in Jesus, sin cannot reign in your soul. And with the Lord's power through the presence of the Holy Spirit, you can keep sin from ruling in your body (Romans 8:13).
8. Under God's control, our unredeemed bodies can become instruments of righteousness (Romans 6:13)
9. The animal sacrifices of the Old Testament are no longer needed or even acceptable because the ultimate sacrifice, the Lamb of God, was sacrificed in our place.
10. From the beginning, the most important requirement has been a faithful, obedient heart (1 Samuel 15:22).
11. The key to victory and happiness in your walk is not in trying to get all you can from God, but in giving all you are.
12. Jesus has given you all you need; you are spiritually complete in Him (Ephesians 1:3; Colossians 2:3, 10; 2 Peter 1:3).

