

THE AIM OF GRACE – LIVING SACRIFICES (Romans 12:1c)

I. THE EXHORTATION OF GRACE (12:1a)

A. The APPEAL of Grace ... "I _____ you."

B. The APPLICATIONS of Grace ... " _____ "

C. The AUDIENCE of Grace is "I beseech you therefore _____" in reference only to believers in Christ and the family of God.

D. The APPROACH of Grace ... "by the _____."

E. The AIM of Grace ... "that you _____ your _____ a _____."

- Where is this exhortation found earlier in Romans? (Rom. 6:13, 16, 19)
- What 2 nuances relate to this phrase? (Rom. 6:13; 11:33-36, 12:1)
- Some truths about the true worship of God:
 - 1) God _____ and alone is _____ of true worship. (John 4:23)
 - 2) True worship begins with a correct understanding of _____, based upon His _____, starting with _____. (John 4:22, 25ff)
 - 3) God must be worshipped in _____ and in _____. (John 4:24; Matt. 15:7-9)
 - 4) Worship services in the early church involved a _____ gathering (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:24-25), _____ praises to God with doctrinally-sound words which also teach and admonish others (Col. 3:16), the _____ of the Word, _____ around Jesus Christ, celebrating the _____, _____, (Acts 20:42), and _____ (1 Cor. 16:1-4), etc. – all designed to exalt the Lord and edify / equip the saints, overflowing in evangelism toward the lost.
 - 5) _____ have always been an integral aspect of worship throughout the ages.
- What does "present" mean?
- Does this presentation happen once for all?
- Does this presentation happen by accident?
- Is this appeal and aim of grace only for some believers?

- What does God want us as believers to present to Him? Are there exceptions?
- Is this limited to your physical body? (Phil.1:21; 2 Cor. 5:14-15)
- What is the aim of this grace appeal?
- Were all OT sacrifices used for atonement?
- What is the three – fold description of this sacrifice? It is ...
 - 1) _____ - this is contrasted to a dead sacrifice. What is the problem with this?
 - 2) _____ - this means to be set apart unto God and for His purposes.
(1 Cor. 6:19-20)
 - 3) _____ - this means to be well-pleasing to God. (Rom.4:18; 2 Cor. 5:9; Eph. 5:10; Phil 4:18; Col. 3:20; Heb. 3:20-21)
- What is the 2-fold description of this act of sacrifice? It is ...
 - 1) _____ - this means it is logical and reasonable in view of God's mercies.
 - 2) _____ - this refers to a spiritual act of worship and service.
- Is this limited to corporate times of public worship and service?
- How does this apply to you ...
 - 1) As a newer believer?
 - 2) As an older believer?
 - 3) As a wayward or backsliding believer?
 - 4) As a busy and serving believer?
- How does this apply to you as an unbeliever – without Christ and without salvation?