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LIFE

What is on the altar?  
Part 1

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# Objectives for this message

- How is an altar and a house similar?
- What are we meant to present on an altar?
- What are we actually putting on the altar?
- Pray for the restoration and renewal of this call!



# How is an altar and a house the same?

Cain and Abel - what made the offering acceptable?

House - what makes a house hospitable

Church - what makes a church hospitable

What is the difference between God and us when it comes to an offering

- Sunday best
- Putting the dirty dishes in the oven
- Stewardship vs transparency

# What are we meant to put on the altar?

**Romans 12:1** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

## Book of Romans

1. Righteousness needed - Rom 1:18 - 3:20
2. Righteousness provided - Rom 3:21 – 8:39
3. Righteousness vindicated - Rom 9:1 – 11:36
4. Righteousness practiced - Rom 12:1 – 15:13

# I appeal to you

An **appeal** is not a demand but a request. The law commands but grace urges. Consider the grace provided. It's based on the finished(accomplish?) work of Christ

## therefor,

This is the dividing point in this letter... until this point God has done all the work for us now we get to work with him. There is real-world consequences(fruit) to believing certain things. Biblical ethics always arise out of truth and the principles of God's Word. If your life does not align with godly practices, re-evaluate your beliefs

## brothers

Paul's appeal was to his **brothers** in the family of God, not to his servants. Does your inner man/woman grasp this? We aren't just welcomed in because God is hospitable to his servants. You are adopted into his eternal family! Christian ethics do not stand alone but upon what God provides in grace to his chosen sons and daughters

# by the mercies of God,

The **by** in this phrase gives the ground of presenting ourselves to God. The basis, the foundation, the rock of our giving ourselves to the Lord is what He has done for us.

**Mercies** is in the plural indicating a wealth of mercy from God. God lavishes His mercy on believers. Unlimited resource of mercy - his compassions never fail

## to present [offer]

The Greek “present” comes from two words: to stand and before. When we **present** ourselves to the Lord, we stand before Him saying, “This... I.. am yours.”

Rom 6:13 ...present your members to God as instruments of righteousness

## your bodies

The body of the believer is a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Co 6:19-20). The body in this context is the totality of our life and activity, the total person, not the physical body.



# What are we actually putting on the altar?

We are called to present our body, mind & spirit to God in view of the mercies of God

- **Soul**

Born again vs dead in sin. Under the law of grace or the law of sin and death

- **Mind/Heart/Will**

It is the seat of thought, perception, and consciousness.

**Rom 12:2, Is 26:3, Prov 4:23**

**James 1:22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

It's clear from these scriptures our mind needs to be kept or maintained otherwise it will become like to world around us.

We don't obey God because we have a full understanding and therefore, we come into agreement, in fact we take every thought captive to obey Christ.



- **Mind/Heart/Will**

The word is our primary source of authority, when we allow the **other sources of authority** to dictate our will, our offering gets tainted!

- **Reason** - tithing, giving beyond our means, sacrificing your dreams(Isaac), rejecting the most lucrative offer
- **Tradition** - our church does it that way, not allowed to work on a Sunday, women must wear a hat
- **Experience** - chasing a feeling, the next conference, TB Joshua, Bill Johnson, Demi(worship leader)

- **Body**

It is the vessel that houses the mind and soul and is necessary for the manifestation of one's thoughts and actions in the physical world.

You can fake the act but like with Cain, you aren't separate from your offering.

# Lets pray



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