



WILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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Newsletter

Volume 2, Rom. 12:1 ***“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present yourselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service”***

The word ‘Christian’ comes from a Greek word: *Cristianoioi*, which means slave to Christ (literally) belonging to Christ. But individual rights are so exalted today that God’s people are tempted to ignore this truth and become influenced to live with the spirit of freedom. It is impossible to live in individual freedom and as a Christian slave simultaneously. Satan uses the “American” spirit of individual independence to ruin and defraud servants of Jesus Christ.

Meditate: ***“Present your bodies”***. I am infected with this free spirit but have been bought *“with the precious blood of Christ (IPet 1:19) a Lamb without blemish and without spot”*.

I am not my own, I am bought with a price and I am not to live for myself. I use my body faithfully to serve an employer for money. It is obvious that belonging to Jesus demands greater faithfulness and obedience! But to really do this – Wow!

“A living sacrifice”. I never thought of my entire life as something to be sacrificed. Usually, I do more or less what I want. But this verse says I can’t live for myself AT ALL. I Cor. 5:15 *“and that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again”*.

We don’t even know what it is like to serve a king, let alone be God’s slave. In view of all that He has done for me, I should be His slave, and a willing one! My independent spirit will somehow have to die first.

“Which is your reasonable service”. Before that statement, the verse tells us to be a holy and acceptable sacrifice unto God.

God is to be worshipped with my life and not just my lips. Remember, Israel gave Him lip service only and it infuriated Him. But my whole life?? This means my hands, my mind, and my time – whether at home, on the job or at church. Satan and his cohorts will do their best to hinder this. When I’m presented with a spiritual task or am considering ways to serve the Lord, I must remove Satan from my presence; not let him entice me to live my life to suit myself. The power to resist this can come from remembering the words we long to hear from God: ***“Well done, thou good and faithful servant”***.

Upcoming Events

All Saturdays @ 9AM – Men’s Patriot Prayer Group

March 19 -9 AM – 3 PM – church cleaning – all hands on deck!

March 25, 26 – Christ Centered Bible Conference