**Worship** (His Love Endures Forever) (Lesson 7)

*(Living Worship) Romans 12:1-8*

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READ: Romans 12:1-8

1. What commands does Paul give the Roman church, and what promises (implicit or explicit) does he offer?
2. How do you respond to the idea of being a living sacrifice?
3. The word “worship” in verse one comes from the Greek word latreia that originally meant “work done for hire or pay” and then “service” and eventually “that to which a person gives his or her whole life”. What words and images does Paul use to describe worship, and what do they connote?
4. What is the connection between the worship Paul describes and God’s will?
5. How have you been transformed in terms of your character, nature or mindset since becoming a Christian (V.2)?
6. What is the outcome of presenting our bodies as living sacrifices, of being transformed by the renewing of our minds, particularly in terms of how we view ourselves and others?
7. What about the human body makes it a fitting metaphor for those who are “in Christ” (V.5)?

How does Paul want Christians to relate?

1. What connections do you see in this passage between belief (what one thinks) and actions (what one does)?
2. In verses 6-8, Paul mentions a number of gifts, (not an exhaustive list) and tells people to use whatever gift has been given to them. Why might they have not been using their gifts?

Do you have a gift from God you’re not using? Why?

1. How would you define worship after studying this passage?
2. Consider your daily work and activities. How could you do them as worship to God?

*Thank God for giving you gifts, skills and passions with which you can worship him every day. Remembering God’s mercy (12:1), offer your whole self as a worship offering to him*.

***Now or Later***

God is three in one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In his very being God models the unified community he designed his people to be (Romans 12:5). Worship is the gift of participating in love of the Father and Son through the Holy Spirit who lives within us. Read and reflect on John 16:7-15; Romans 8:5-16; 2 Corinthians 1:22; and 1 John 4:13 to learn more about the crucial role of the Holy Spirit in Christian worship. What do these scriptures say or imply about how the Holy Spirit makes worship possible, particularly the life-giving, life-encompassing worship Paul; describes in Romans 12?

***NEXT LESSON***:

**Worship: His Love Endures Forever**

***Our Longing Fulfilled –* READ: Revelation 21:1-8**