

5/12/2024-Speaker-AI Schaap
Series: "Anchored!" (A Study in the Book of Romans)
Today's Passage: Romans 12 (p. 1123)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual (reasonable/logical) act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2, New International Version)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. (Romans 12:1-2, "The Message" paraphrase)

1. _____ that grace...our _____ response!
...the "logikein"/reasonable/logical service.... (literal Greek)
...this is your spiritual act of worship. (NIV)
That's the most sensible way to serve God. (CEV)
When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask? (NLT)

In Jesus we _____ holy in _____...called
"Justification" (Romans 1-11)

Now we _____ holy in _____... "Sanctification",
the all-of-life-worship-process of _____ (Rom. 12-16)

Ordinary people _____ by The Extraordinary God

Instead of just *giving* a sacrifice, _____ !!!

Paul calls us to learn to live differently by learning to _____ differently.
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- The Choice: _____-forming vs. _____-formation
- conforming: just going with the flow ("con" = "with")
- being transformed: changing the direction/formation
... present tense, the way we live in the moment we call "now"
...passive voice – this happens *to us* from some other power
...imperative/command form – we are responsible for choosing which power/Power we will allow to shape us

So what should we do?

Let God transform us by _____,
developing a whole new way of looking at _____ of life as _____!
As I let God renew my mind, before "just doing it", I'll ask myself questions like:

- * Who am I...and Whose am I?
- * What difference should that make in this situation?
- * What difference should that make as I impact those around me?
- * Will this choice help or hinder my on-going transformation?
- * Will this choice help or hinder the transformations of others?
- * As clearly as I can discern, is this what Jesus would do?
- * Is it what I/we truly believe He wants me/us to do in this situation?

2. Learning to _____ -

_____ where He directs with His grace-giftings to us...

... with enthusiasm!

_____ Him and everyone else as much as we can!

Key: Learning to live in, logical; already are, position; are becoming, practice; transformation; being transformed; be one; think; con, trans; renewing our minds; all, worship; let His grace flow through us; serving; loving