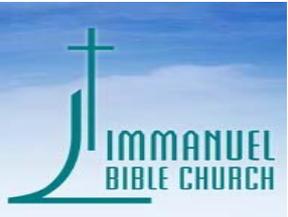
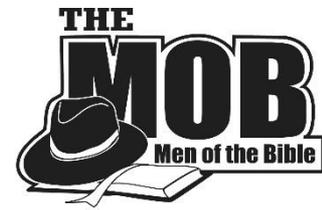


For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17



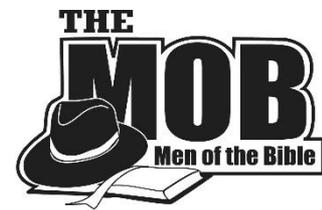
Announcements



- **Welcome to the MOB!** Website: www.ibcmob.net
- [***The Tomb is Empty!***](#) IBC Easter Pageant, March 23-31, 2018



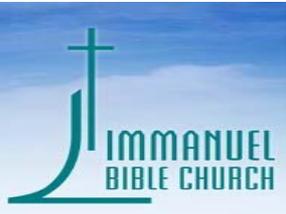
Memory Verse



Romans 12:1-2 (NASB)

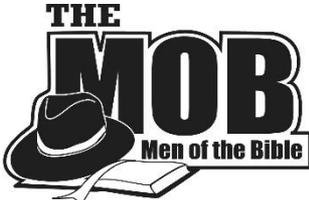
Therefore, I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 (NASB)



Romans

Outline

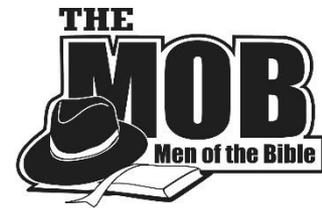


Focus	Revelation of God's Righteousness			Vindication of God's Righteousness			Application of God's Righteousness	
	Reference	1:1 – 3:20	3:21 – 5:21	6:1 – 8:39	9:1-29	9:30 – 10:21	11:1-36	12:1 – 13:14
Division	Need for God's Righteousness	Imputation of God's Righteousness	Demonstration of God's Righteousness	Israel's Past: Election	Israel's Present: Rejection	Israel's Future: Restoration	Christian Duties	Christian Liberties
Topic	Sin	Salvation	Sanctification	Sovereignty			Service	
	Doctrinal						Behavioral	
Location & Time	Probably written in Corinth (Greece) around 57 AD							





Last Meeting



Scripture:

- [Romans 11:1-36](#)

Key Thoughts :

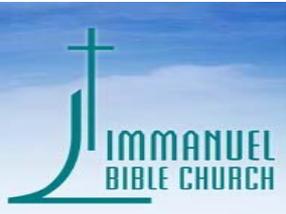
- Did God abandon His chosen people? By no means!
- Paul affirms that even in their unbelief, the Hebrew people remain God's chosen people
- God has promised not only their irrevocable covenant, but their future restoration

Encountering the Book of Romans

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The Future of Israel

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This Meeting



Scripture:

- [Romans 12:1-2](#)

Key Thoughts :

Paul's pattern*

- DOCTRINE – Romans 1:1 – 11:32
- DOXOLOGY – Romans 11:33-36
- DEDICATION – Romans 12 – 1-2
- DUTY – Romans 12:3 – 16:27

Encountering the Book of Romans

Encountering the Transforming Power of the Gospel

The Christian Mindset: Responsibilities toward God

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* http://www.preceptaustin.org/romans_12_word_studies



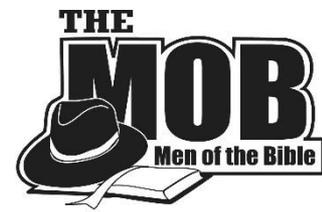
Romans 11:33-36 (ESV)



³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.



Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)



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. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

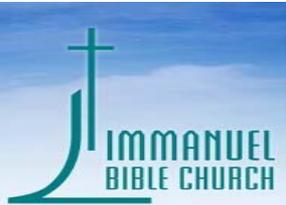


Consider...



“Worship without theology
is bound to degenerate into idolatry.”

-- [John Stott](#)



Romans 12:1 (ESV)



therefore

¹ I appeal to you, brothers,

↑
by the mercies of God,

to present your bodies

which is your spiritual worship.

↑
as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God,

Interpretation:

Therefore! Note: Commands are absent

Appeal: *parakaléō; para - along side; kaleo - to call*

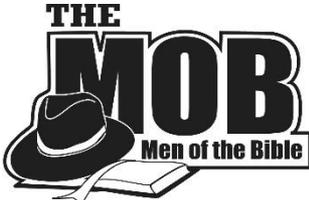
Brothers: *adelphos; from the same womb*

After Paul's theological treatise on the reconciliation of Man, he now turns to practical application

NASB Translation: appeal (4), appealed (1), appealing (2), beg (1), begging (2), beseeching (1), comfort (5), comforted (11), comforts (2), conciliate (1), encourage (6), encouraged (4), encouraging (3), entreat (1), exhort (8), exhortation* (1), exhortations (1), exhorted (2), exhorting (3), exhorts (1), given (1), implore (4), implored (9), imploring (5), invited (2), making an appeal (1), plead (1), pleaded (1), pleading (1), preach (1), requested (1), urge (17), urged (5), urging (1).



Romans 12:1 (ESV)



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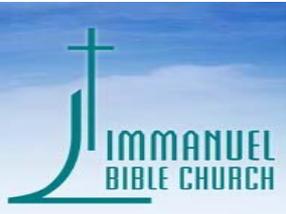
Interpretation:

Paul's appeal is not based on a moral standing, or law-based warning or punishment

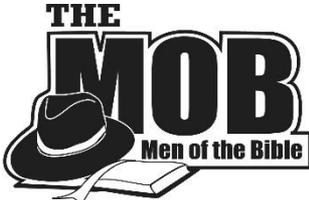
- Mercies: *oiktirmōn*; (plural); pity, favor, grace, mercy = visceral compassions

He appeals solely to God's mercies... exclusively

What are his Mercies?



Romans 12:1 (ESV)



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

Interpretation:

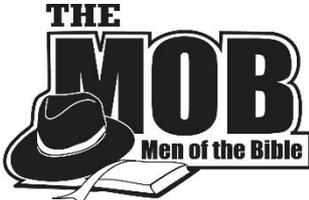
Paul's specific appeal!

- Stems from OT (and pagan rituals) for animal sacrifice; an understood principal
- What else comes along with the physical act of sacrifice?

"Present your bodies... – that is, present your vessel. That must come first. A vessel that has not been presented will not be filled. God cannot fill what He cannot have. Present your vessel." -- [A. W. Tozer](#)



Romans 12:1 (ESV)



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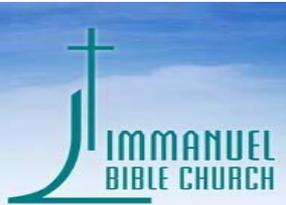
Interpretation:

The standard for acceptance...

- Holy: *hágios*; something "set apart" and fundamentally different
- Acceptable: *euárestos*; *eú*, "well, good" and *aréskō*, "to please," e.g., *well-pleasing*

Is this a new commandment and expectation from God?

What then was the reason for sacrifice?



What Does the LORD Require?

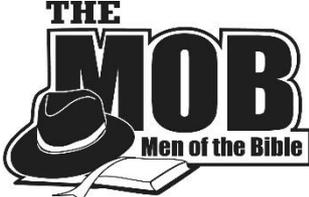


Micah 6:6-8

- ⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?



Romans 12:1 (ESV)



therefore ←

¹ I appeal to you, brothers,

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which is your spiritual worship.

Interpretation:

Paul's appeal is not an end state, but an ongoing action

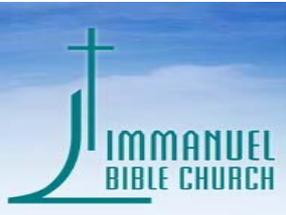
- Spiritual: *logikós*; divinely reasonable
- Service: *latreía*; "technical, priestly-service"

What does spiritual worship look like?

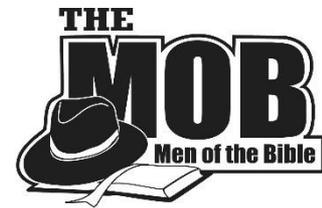
NAS: to God, [which is] your spiritual service of worship.

KJV: [which is] your reasonable service.

NIV: --this is your true and proper worship.



Romans 12:2



² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Observation: Taking on board the values of the new age to which we belong

- Don't be conformed
- Yes, be transformed
- How? By the renewing of your mind (NLT: "changing the way you think")

Interpretation:

- Good = *agathós*; inherently, intrinsically good and benevolent, profitable, useful
- Acceptable = *euárestos*; well-pleasing
- Perfect = *téleios*; complete for its purpose



One Definition of Worship

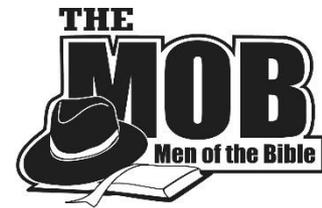


“Worship is the submission of all of our nature to God.
It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness,
Nourishment of mind by His truth,
Purifying of imagination by His beauty,
Opening of the heart to His love,
And submission of will to his purpose.
And all this gathered up in adoration is the greatest of
human expressions of which we are capable.”

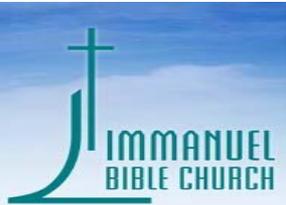
-- [Archbishop William Temple](#)



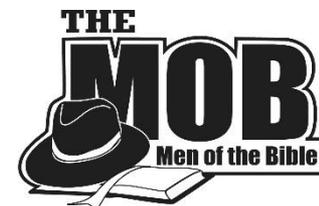
2 Corinthians 2:14-17



¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶ to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷ For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.



Discussion & Application

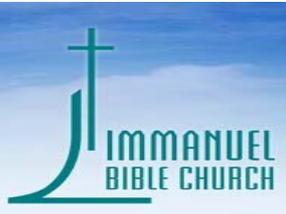


A. Discussion:

1. Do you agree with Archbishop Temple's definition of worship?
2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Worship is listening to the still voice of God's call—and obediently acting.
3. How would you change the definition to more closely reflect true worship?

B. Application Questions:

1. What are the *mercies of God* present in the life of a believer that you personally witness?
2. What is your *spiritual service of worship*? What are ways that you can worship God in a tangible way?
3. Tozer says "present your vessel"—what are ways that we subtly or not so subtly balk at this call to obedience? Why?
4. What are ways that God calls us to "renew our minds"?
5. Going around the room complete the following:
To better worship, I need to do less of _____ and more of _____



Next Meeting



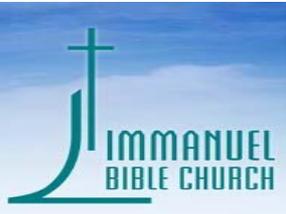
The Christian Mindset Responsibilities toward Society

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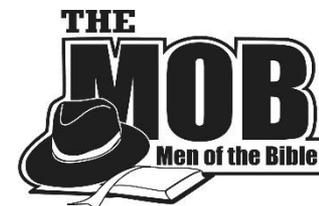
- [Romans 12:1-2](#)

Study:

- Read [Romans 12](#)
- *Encountering Romans* Chapter 16, pages 164-168



Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer



Application Scripture



Philippians 4:8-9 ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31 ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 4:4-6 ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

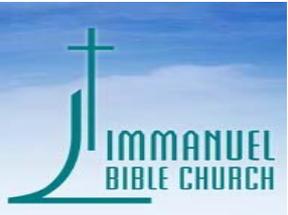
1 Peter 1:3 ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.



Application Scripture



Ephesians 4:17-32 ¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



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