

Scripture: Romans 12

Series: *Love one Another #2*

Singing: 222:1-3 – 311:1-5 – 428:5, 7 – 65:1-4

Intro: One of the Scriptures that keeps us on our knees: John 13:34-35

THE CHRISTIAN'S REASONABLE SERVICE

I. Why II. What III. How

I. The 'why' of the Christian's reasonable service

A. Who is Holy Spirit addressing in this Scripture

1. The called of Jesus Christ – beloved of God (Rom. 1:6-7; Heb. 3:1)

B. God's direction to His saints is *give Him their 'reasonable service'*

1. the definition of *service*

2. the *reasonableness* of this service: the mercies of God (Rom. 1-11)

II. The 'what' of the Christian's reasonable service

A. This inspired Scripture is the answer on the cry of each redeemed

1. the details of this *warmly entreated* command

- a. present your bodies

- b. a sacrifice

- c. a sacrifice with three descriptions: *living – holy – acceptable unto God*

III. The 'how' of the Christian's reasonable service

A. The connection between vs. 1 and 2

B. Spirit's main direction: *be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind* (2b)

1. Fruit of transformation: *to undo and keep from conforming to this world*

- a. before regeneration, we all were conformed to the world (Eph. 2:1-3)

b. now Holy Spirit calls us to *'stop conforming'*

- conformity to world is more in *internal than external* matter

C. The details of this spiritual transformation by the renewing of your mind

1. It is an *ongoing (life-long)* transformation

2. It is a *passive* transformation: *it happens to us* rather than *done by us*

3. It is a *commanded* transformation: *involves our action* (Phil. 2:12-13)

D. How does the Spirit accomplish this *transforming by the renewing of mind*?

1. Through our efforts to *prove the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God*

2. Why is it necessary to *study the BOOK*?

a. because you have with much baggage (Eph. 4:17-18)

b. because your conscience is misinformed (Eph. 5:7-10)

c. because it will make you less judgmental (Matt. 7:11-5)

d. because it will guide in *testing before tasting* (1 Thess. 5:19-21)

Finally: *What is now the most important in our daily Christian living?*

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves:
for charity shall cover the multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8)