

**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)