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Passage: Romans 12:1-8

Theme

Reflecting Jesus Christ Calls for A Life of “Sacrificial Living”.

Part 1 - The Why of Sacrificial Living - (12:1-2)

- A. The Mercies of God (v1)
- B. The Transformation (v2)

Truth 1 - Believers are called to renew their minds and be transformed by the Holy Spirit through God’s Word.

Part 2 - The How of Sacrificial Living - (12:3-8)

- A. The Right Thinking (v3)
- B. The Unity of Believers (vv4-5)
- C. The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts (vv6-8)

Truth 2 - Believers are called to sacrificial living, engaging and serving others with grace and humility in church.

Romans 12:1 ESV

The Mercies of God

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Redemption



Courtesy of Dr Peter Ng

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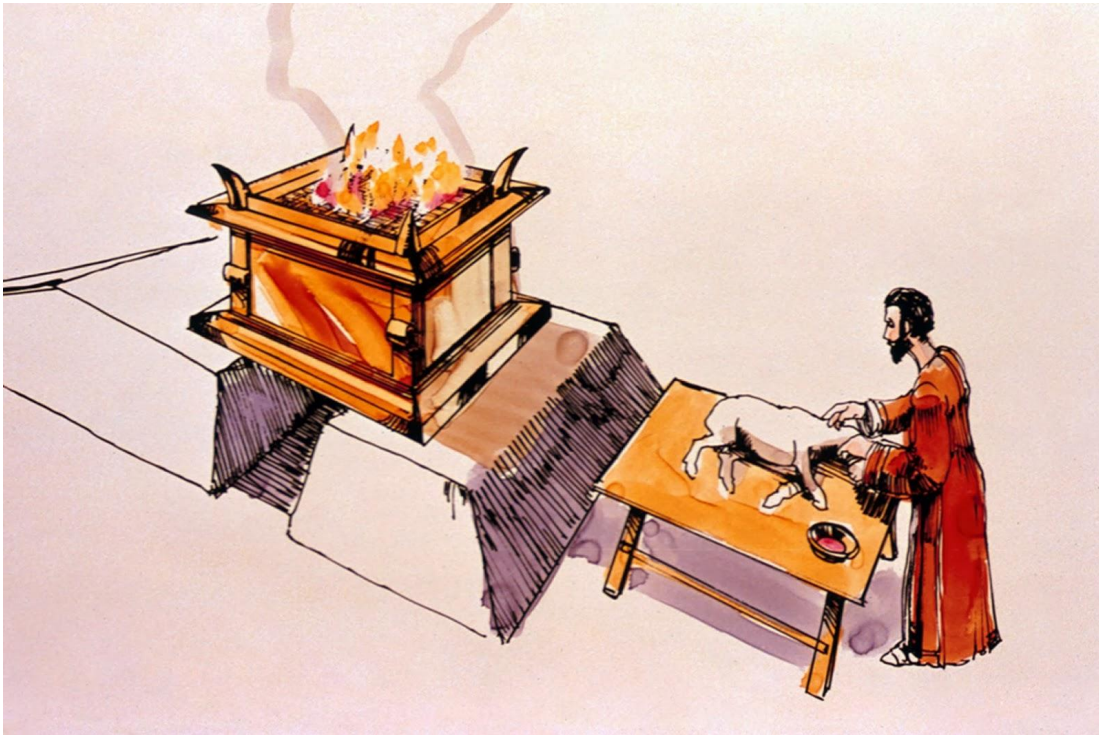
Paraphrased

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, in view of God's mercies **in saving you out of grace, which you do not deserve, by sending HIS Son Jesus Christ to the cross and die to redeem your sin**, in response, you are to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

James 2:17 ESV

14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good[b] is that? 17 So also **faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

The OT Sacrificial System Depicts Jesus Christ Sacrifice On The Cross To Redeem The Sin Of Humanity



Living sacrifice

1 Cor 6:19-22

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? **You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

Living sacrifice

2 Corinthians 5:9 ESV

So whether we are at home or away, **we make it our aim to please HIM.**

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1 John 2:16

Do Not Love the World

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

James 4:4

1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

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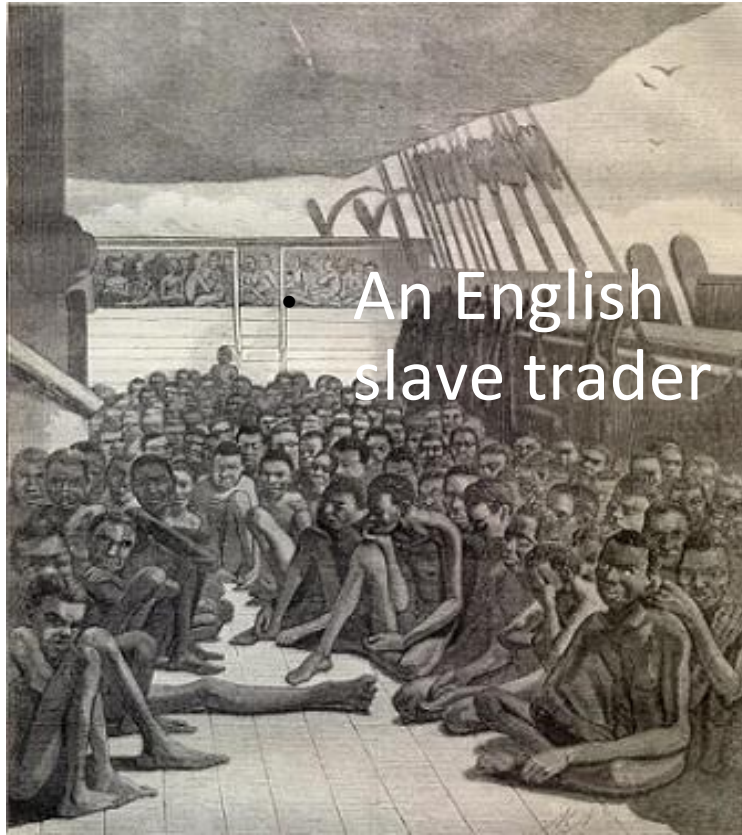
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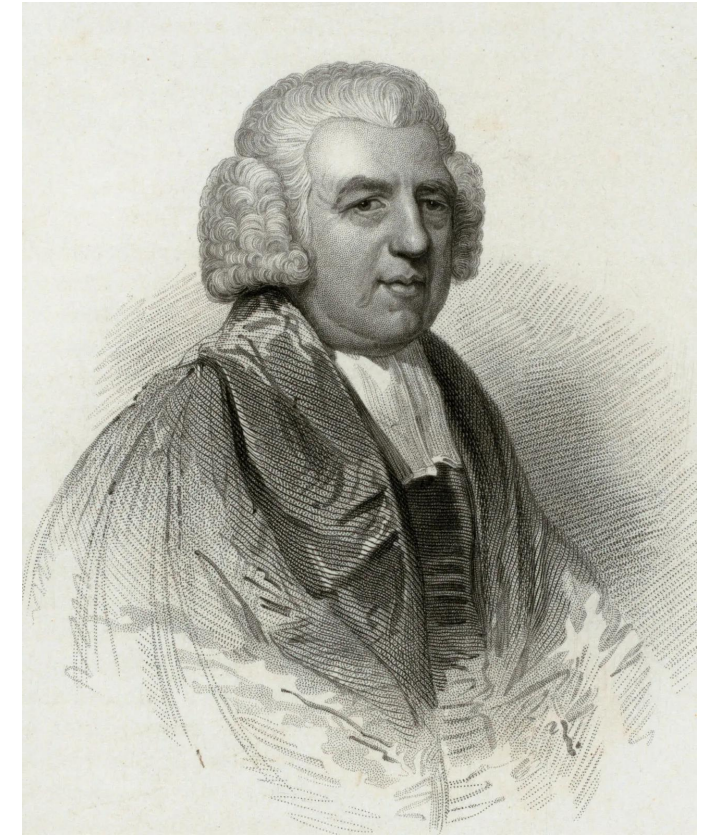
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John Newton's **Mind & Heart Transformation,** *New Values System in Christ*



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- A Hymn Writer (280 hymns)
- A Spiritual mentor to slave trade abolitionist

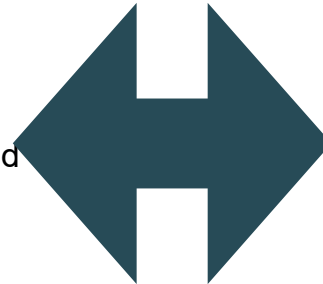


John Newton, (born July 24, 1725, London, England—died December 21, 1807, London),

The Bible Changes Believers' Values System

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Personal security
Financial security
Health and well-being
Safety net against accidents/illness and
their adverse impacts

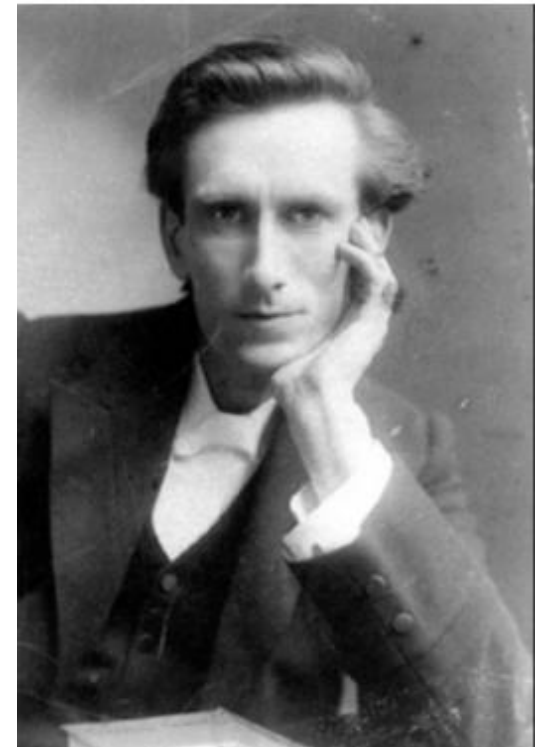
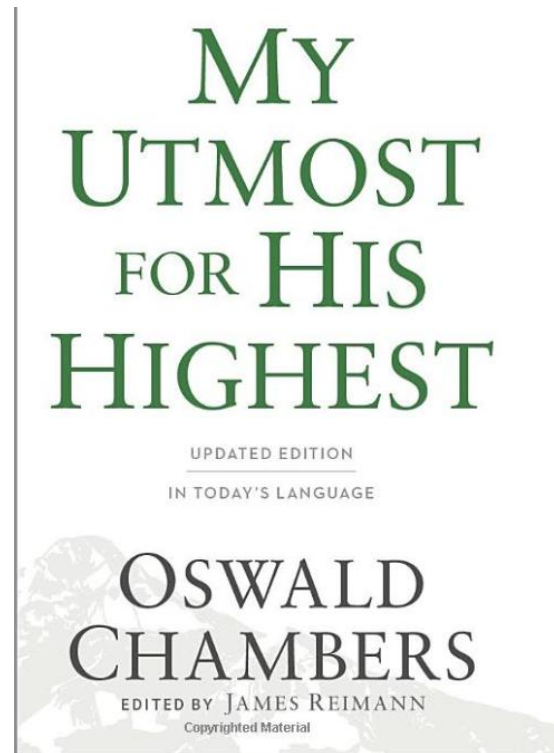


New

Righteousness
Love for others
Service
Gospel
Obedience

Oswald Chambers - a Scottish evangelical teacher and minister (1874-1917)

If we obey God it is going to cost other people more than it costs us, and that is where the sting comes in. If we are in love with our Lord, ~~obedience does not cost us anything, it is a delight, but it costs those who do not love Him a good deal.~~



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How to Build Our Lives on the Mercies of God?

Romans 12:3a ESV

“Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought but rather think of yourself with sober judgment”



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Luke 18-9-14

Romans 3:22-23

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. **For there is no distinction:** 23 **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Romans 12:3b ESV

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, **each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.**

Romans 12:4 ESV

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

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“We prove once again that Argentinians when we fight together and united we are able to achieve what we aim. **The merit is of this group, which is above individuals**, is the strength of all fighting for the same dream that was also the one of all Argentinians... We did it!!! “



Church Unity

Ephesians 4:16 ESV

16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

What's the Purpose of Your Spiritual Gifts?

Romans 12:6

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads,[f] with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual Gifts according to the Bible --

**a special divine empowerment
(1 Cor. 12:4-6; 1 Pet. 4:11)**

**bestowed on each believer
(1 Cor. 12:7, 18; 1 Pet. 4:10)**

**to be used within
the context of the
Body of Christ
(1 Cor. 12:7;
Eph. 4:12; 1 Pet. 4:10)**



**by the Holy Spirit
(1 Cor. 12:7-9, 11)**

**to accomplish a given
ministry God's way
(1 Cor. 12:4-6)**

**according to His grace
and discernment
(Rom. 12:3-6; 1 Pet. 4:10)**

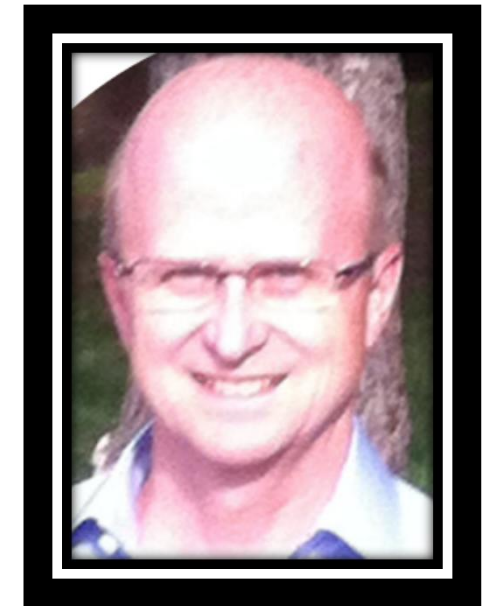
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Romans 12:7 NIV

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully..

Serving God - Kirk Wellum

Serving God is what we were made to do as his creatures, but our service has been corrupted by our sin and rebellion which has rendered us unable to please him. An important part of the gospel is that in Jesus Christ we can begin to serve God again with the promise of being able to serve him perfectly and forever in the age to come. This Christian service is our privilege and delight.



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