

Study in Romans

Application > Disposition of the Christian > Change Your Mind Romans 12:1-2

These famous verses pick up after Paul's mighty conclusion in 11:32 and mark the transition from Paul's explanation of the Gospel to his admonition to us to live in the power and transformation of it. In these verses, he will set the tone for the rest of the book by pleading with us to present our bodies to God as His to use and to stop allowing the world to force us to think a certain way, allowing instead God to change the shape of our thinking by an on-going renewal of our minds.

1. Offering to God our outward person (v. 1). Sacrifice qualifiers:
 - a. Living
 - b. Holy
 - c. Pleasing to God (cf. 2 Cor. 5:9)
 - d. Rational, sacred service (meaning service to God driven by the mind)
2. Offering to God our inward person (v. 2; cf. Phil. 2:1-13)