



GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Morning Message

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Introduction: A beautiful thing happens to a caterpillar when it becomes a butterfly. The transformation is amazing! We as Christians are the same way in our walk with God. We go through trials, triumphs, pain and grief. We question our reasons for living. However, in the end God (re)creates something wonderful! We can call this “transformation.” In **Romans 12:1-2**, Paul gives us a great outline of what it means to live a transformed life. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. A Living Sacrifice

- *Generously Give God Your Time* (**Matthew 6:5-13, Ephesians 5:16**)
- *Generously Give God Your Talents* (**Matthew 5:13-16, Romans 12:9-13**)
- *Generously Give God Your Tithe* (**Matthew 6:1-4, I Corinthians 16:1-2**)

II. A Holy Sacrifice

- *God Is Holy* (**Psalm 93:5, Isaiah 59:2, Revelation 4:8**)
- *God’s Children Are Holy* (**I Peter 1:15, Matthew 5:48, Hebrews 12:14**)
- *God’s Word Is Holy* (**II Corinthians 9:8, John 17:17**)

III. An Acceptable Sacrifice

- *Learning God’s Way* (**Psalm 18:30, Psalm 33:4, Psalm 119:89**)
- *Living God’s Way* (**Jeremiah 29:11, Proverbs 14:12, Proverbs 16:25**)
- *Loving God’s Way* (**Psalm 119:140, II Timothy 3:16-17**)

IV. A Reasonable Sacrifice

- *Expect Daily Challenges* (**James 1:2, I Corinthians 10:13**)
- *Expect Daily Guidance* (**Psalm 46:10, Matthew 6:33**)
- *Expect Daily Triumphs* (**Psalm 150:6, II Corinthians 15:58**)

Conclusion: We need to be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ. We need to let God use us for His glory and be transformed for generous living. That is accomplished when we take a personal assessment of our life: a spiritual inventory. Are you living a life that is acceptable to God? Are you living a sacrificial life? Are you pursuing holiness? Are you serving God or serving yourself? You have time to make the changes today. Your eternal life depends on it.