



The
Eternal *Significance*
of Your **Body**

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Sermon Notes

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Romans 12:1

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1. Jesus' Incarnation

2. Jesus' Crucifixion

3. Jesus' Resurrection

QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What brands do you love/hate the most?

1. Why is exhortation necessary for the people of God [Romans 12:1]? Also consult Acts 14:21-22; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; and Hebrews 3:12-13 for more insights.
2. In context, what are “the mercies of God” that the Apostle Paul referred to in Romans 12:1? How do they form the foundation of his exhortation to the Roman believers [cf. Romans 9:14-26; 11:30-32; and 15:7-12]?
3. In practical terms, how do believers “present [their] bodies” to God [cf. Romans 6:13; 6:16; and 6:19]?
4. Why do you think it matters to God what we do with our physical bodies [Romans 12:1]? Also consider 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; Philippians 1:20; and 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8.
5. The phrase “a living sacrifice” appears absurd at first glance. What do you think is meant by the phrase and what would it look like to practice it [cf. Hebrews 13:16; 1 Peter 2:5; and 1 Peter 2:11-12]?
6. The term for “service” at the end of Romans 12:1 refers to priestly worship activities. How do believers serve as priests today [cf. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 1 Peter 2:4-10; and Revelation 20:4-6]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

“A life of visible, lived-out, physical actions of mercy might result in the death of a believer. There have always been martyrs. But that is not mainly what Paul has in mind here. Here he has in mind a lifestyle. Present your bodies a living sacrifice. It is your living that is the act of worship. Let every act of your body in living be an act of worship. That is, let every act of your living body be a demonstration that God is your treasure. Let every act of your living body show that Christ is more precious to you than anything else. Let every act of your living body be a death to all that dishonors Christ.”

John Piper