



“The Essence of the Christian Life”

Romans 12:1-21 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon

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Introduction –In Romans 1-11, the apostle Paul explains how God provided our salvation in Jesus. Beginning in chapter 12, he explains what our life should look like if we have understood the Gospel, believed in Jesus and received the Holy Spirit.

I. The Essence of the Christian Life.

A. Be a living sacrifice. (12:1)

1. The “whole burnt offering.”
2. The whole person dedicated to God.
3. Paul’s example.

B. A living sacrifice is continual.

II. Adjustments in the Christian Life.

A. Not just external behavioral changes, but internal transformation. (12:2)

B. The passive verbs: Do not be conformed but be transformed.

C. How are we conformed to the world?

D. How are we transformed? By the renewing of our minds as the Holy Spirit helps us see what God wants us to see in the Word of God.

E. The Word of God tells us what we need to adjust by the power of God so that we may know and do the will of God.

III. The Outworking of the Christian Life.

A. A new sense of humility. (12:3)

B. A new sense of community. (12:4-5)

C. A new sense of responsibility. (12:6-8)

Conclusion.