

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Since God has shown such mercy...

Paul has just spent a great deal of time explaining many of the blessings we enjoy:

We have been justified (declared not guilty).

We have been adopted by Him as His own children.

The law condemned us, but now we are under grace.

We have been given the Holy Spirit.

We have assurance of His coming and His care.

We will never experience separation from God.

We enjoy God's faithfulness and love toward us.

We have been included in His Kingdom.

We present our lives to Him.

**"Whereas the heathen are prone to sacrifice in order to obtain mercy, biblical faith teaches that the divine mercy provides the basis of sacrifice as the fitting response."
(Harrison)**

present = to put at one's disposal (Rom. 6:13)

living sacrifice = ongoing

"spiritual worship" = (LOGIKOS) 1 Pet. 2:2

We break from the pattern of the world.

conformed = fit into a pattern of behavior or action from the outside.

We are to be transformed into His likeness.

Matt. 17:2

2 Cor. 3:18

Phil. 1:9-10