

Romans 3:23

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [NIV]

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [NIV]

Romans 10:9-11

That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. [11] As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” [NIV]

taking it home

If you are a Christian, you have a ministry – an opportunity to offer yourself as a living sacrifice! Take a few minutes to talk to God about how He would like to use you, and then listen. Is He nudging you in any specific direction?

Another way to get involved is to look closely at your gifts, interests, abilities, personality or experience. Please make sure that your Gifts and Talents Survey has been completed and given to BCC. If you need one, you can find it at our website or stop by the Church to complete one.

sermon notes

A LIVING SACRIFICE | ROMANS 12:1-2

February 6-7, 2010

I. The _____ from Doctrine to Practice

Ephesians 5:1-2

God wants our _____

Romans 1:16-17

God wants our body _____

I Corinthians 6:13-20

God wants our rational _____ or
worship

I Corinthians 10:31-11:1

II. The _____ Change from One Way of Living to Another

Philippians 3:20-21

God changes our lifestyle of _____

Romans 3:23; 5:8; 10:9-11

God changes our lifestyle of _____

Romans 1:26-27

III. The Renewal of Mind from the World's Way to God's Will

Ephesians 4:22-24

Our mind needs renewed from the world's _____

Romans 1:21-23

Our mind needs renewed to God's _____

Romans 8:8-9

Conclusion

A living sacrifice will please God.

weekly prayer guide

Monday: I Corinthians 11

Pray: That your life would follow the example of Christ (11:1)

Tuesday: I Corinthians 12

Pray: For good stewardship and usage of the gifts with which God has blessed you

Wednesday: I Corinthians 13

Pray: To show this kind of love to God and others

Thursday: I Corinthians 14

Pray: For God's peace and order to reign in the church (14:33, 40)

Friday: I Corinthians 15

Pray: Thanking God for the power of the resurrection!

Saturday: I Corinthians 16

Pray: That you would do everything in love today (16:14)

Sunday: II Corinthians 1

Pray: For Christ's comfort to overflow to those in need (1:5)

journey group notes

my story

When you think of “ministry” or “service” what are some of the thought, images, people or ideas that come to your mind? (positive or negative)

digging deeper

Looking back over your sermon notes – was there a particular point or scripture that most challenged you or caught your attention?

Read the main text from this weekend's sermon – Romans 12:1 – 2

Paul warns us not to conform to this world. In what areas do you think many Christians are conforming where perhaps they shouldn't?

What does it mean to you “to offer your bodies as living sacrifices”?

How does the “renewing of your mind” happen – and with what result?

Are you using your gifts in a way that is “holy and pleasing to God”? If so, how? What holds you back from using your gifts more fully?

We know that God can change who we are by the following scriptural truths – Even though you may have looked at these verses before, it is critical that we constantly remind ourselves about the need we have for a Savior. As you read each verse, jot down what essential truth each passage communicates about your own relationship with Christ and share, if you are willing.