

Sermon Outline

Living Sacrifices (2): Thinking and Serving in Grace in the Body of Christ. *Romans 12:1-8*

A. Introduction

- Though the Epistle to the Romans has been hailed by the church down through the ages as the Apostle Paul's theological treatise par excellence, remember it was also a letter written to a regular church in the imperial city of Rome; a church made up of real people with real issues of life in church and the community at large.
- The last time we saw that the only reasonable thing that a Christian can do with his whole being in view of the mercies of God is to turn it over to Him as a living sacrifice- transformed and renewing.

B. Thinking soberly

1. What gives rise to high-mindedness (or low-mindedness)
 - Pride and Prejudice
2. How to overcome high-mindedness (or low-mindedness)
 - Think with a gospel (grace) perspective
 - We are members of one body with Christ as the Head
 - We do not have the same office (and we can't function at all or well with a missing part!)

C. Serving Faithfully

1. God has given grace-gifts to the church to build His kingdom
2. God's grace is working in every member of His Body, even in the seemingly mundane and insignificant function

D. Conclusion