



***First let's do a quick review of chapters 1-11.***

**Romans 12:1**

***What should motivate me to present my body to God:***

After 11 chapters describing all that God has done for us, we (*brethren*) hear what our appropriate response should be to God's mercies. 12:1,2 serve as a heading/summary of our Christian duty in chapters 12-16.

***What my presentation should look like:***

\*Presenting ourselves is a daily and lifelong process. See 6:12-19 for earlier commands related to *presenting our bodies/yourselves*.

\*Our sacrifice is described as living, holy, and pleasing to God. Note the believer-priest imagery in Phil. 2:17, 1 Pt. 2:5, Heb. 13:15,16.

\*OT sacrifices were brought alive to the temple and had to be holy and acceptable to God, Lev. 1:3, 6:25. The scapegoat stayed alive, 16:10.

***What my presentation means to God:***

Presenting myself in service to God in the above way is the *rational* or *reasonable* way to respond to God (some translate *spiritual* or *true and/or proper service of worship*). See in contrast to Rom. 1:19ff.