

Discussion Questions

Romans 12:1-2

Tim Keller says, "**Verses 1-2 are a Summary of the whole of the Christian life**". Rom 12 is a turning point in Paul's argument that moves from theology to application and looks back to the Paul's argument in chapters 1-11. Can you summarize in your own words some of God's truths that are the basis for Paul's "therefore" in verse 1?

The word translated "spiritual" (*logican*) act of worship might better be translated "rational or logical" act of worship. What is the point Paul is trying to get across regarding the motive and design of a believer's worship of God? Do you ever obey God out of fear? What would change if you obeyed him out of gratitude and a desire to please Him?

Old Testament worship was manifested through animal sacrifice. What does Paul mean by "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice? (See also Rom 6:13-16, 1 Pet 1:14, 1Jn 2:15)

Paul commands believers: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" Why does the mind need to be "renewed" in order to Worship God and know His will? (See Jeremiah 31:33 and Ezekiel 36:26-27) (See also Eph 4:22-24; Col 3:8-10)

How will you apply these verses to yourself? What views or actions are you going to make in your own life as a result of studying these verses?