TEXT: Romans 12:1-16

INTRODUCTION

- Last week we considered the logical effect that the consideration of the mystery, mercy and majesty of God should have upon us ... that we should offer ourselves to Him as a living sacrifice ... as an act of worship!
- This means that I will not look to being conformed to the standards of the world but rather seek to be transformed in the renovation of my mind ... throwing out the old and bringing in the new! But new ... from the standards of God
- * This challenge to present your body as a "living sacrifice" isn't just good a sounding concept but rather instruction to be lived out in the different facets of my life!
- As Paul states, this message is "to everyone who is among you" ... today, we will begin seeing how we can live out being a living sacrifice

INSTRUCTION

I. REGARDING YOUR M IN THE BODY (v. 3-8; Ephesians 4:11-16; I Corinthians 12:4-27)

A. Your P ce In The Body (v. 3-5)

- 1. A PLACE OF H_____(v. 3)
- 2. A PLACE OF I (v. 4-5)

B. Your S ce To The Body (v. 6-8)

- 1. THE D TION OF THE GIFTS
 - a. Our Gifts Were Given To Us By The G
 - b. Our Gifts Were Given To Us For The G
- 2. THE D TION OF THE GIFTS
 - a. Prophecy
 - b. Ministry
 - c. Teaching
 - d. Encouragement
 - e. Giving
 - f. Leadership
 - g. Mercy

II. REGARDING YOUR C IN THE BODY (v. 9-16)

A. Having An U

____ (v. 9-13)

- 1. WHICH IS ABHORRING EVIL AND ADHERING TO GOOD (v. 9) ... ptcs
- 2. WITH BROTHERLY LOVE INTO A FRATERNAL ONE-ANOTHER-NESS (v. 10a)
- 3. WITH HONOR GIVING PREFERENCE TO ONE-ANOTHER (v. 10b)
- 4. WITH DILIGENCE NOT BEING SLOTHFUL (v. 11a)
- 5. IN THE SPIRIT BEING FERVENT
- 6. IN THE LORD BEING A SERVANT
- 7. IN HOPE HAVING JOY (v. 12 a)
- 8. IN TRIBULATION HAVING ENDURANCE (v. 12b)
- 9. IN PRAYER HAVING PERSEVERANCE (v. 12c)
- 10. IN NEEDS OF THE SAINTS HAVING FELLOWSHIP (v. 13a)
- 11. IN LOVING STRANGERS HAVING A PURSUIT (v. 13b)

B. Having A D

(v. 14-16a)

- 1. BY SAYING GOOD TO THE ONE PRESSING YOU... by rejoicing w/ the one rejoicing; by weeping w/ the one weeping
- 2. BY HAVING A MIND TO BE LIKE-MINDED ... by not minding lofty things ... by being with those of "low degree"

C. Having A H (v. 16b)

INTROSPECTION

- * HAVE YOU OFFERED YOURSELF AS A <u>LIVING</u> SACRIFICE?
- * DOES YOUR LIFE BEAR WITNESS OF THAT SACRIFICE?
- * HOW ARE YOU LIVING OUT THAT SACRIFICE IN THE ASSEMBLY?
- * ARE YOU USING THE GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE BODY AND GLORY OF GOD?
- * IF YOU ARE NOT ... WILL YOU COMMIT YOURSELF TO GOD IN THIS AREA?
- * HOW DO YOU VIEW YOURSELF IN CONTRAST TO THE OTHERS IN THE ASSEMBLY?
- * IS THERE A NEED FOR REPENTANCE "CHANGING THE WAY YOU THINK"?