



Expressing Our Experience

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ROMANS: **The Righteousness
of God Revealed**


A silhouette of a person standing on a hill, raising their right hand in a gesture of praise or prayer. The background is a sunset or sunrise sky with soft, warm colors. Two trees are visible on either side of the person.

Romans 12:1-2

[1] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



We are moving from Paul's thorough description of genuine faith (1-11) to how that faith gets expressed (12-15). Paul transitions in a way to make it clear, that the only attitudes and actions that please God are those rooted in our experience of His mercy.

A silhouette of a person standing on a hill, looking up at a sunset sky. The person is in the center, with their right arm raised. To the left and right are silhouettes of trees. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. Below the hill is a dark, textured surface that looks like a stone path or a field of rocks.

Our experience of God's mercies
is the foundation of our expression.



3 cues:

1. 12-16 follow 1-11
2. THEREFORE
3. BY THE MERCIES OF GOD...Paul's way to summarize the 1st 11 chapters...

A silhouette of a person standing on a hill, looking up with arms raised, against a sunset sky. The scene is framed by two trees on either side.

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

- No one has it.
- God gave His son to provide it.
- It's a gift we receive through faith.
- God empowers those with it to live differently.
- God is fulfilling His eternal plan committed to His glory and our good.


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Romans 11:33-36

[33] Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

[34] “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” [35] “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

[36] For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.



Everything we think and do
is to be an expression
of God's mercies.



Romans 6:1-4

[1] What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? [2] By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? [3] Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.



Romans 6:15-19


[15] What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

[16] Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? [17] But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

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Romans 6:15-19

[18] and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. [19] I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

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Authentically expressing our
experience of God's mercies is
how we worship God.

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Conclusion

- Don't beat yourself up.
- Don't commit to just trying harder.
- Do remember this is a process.
- Do commit to reading, thinking, discussing and praying about God's mercy.