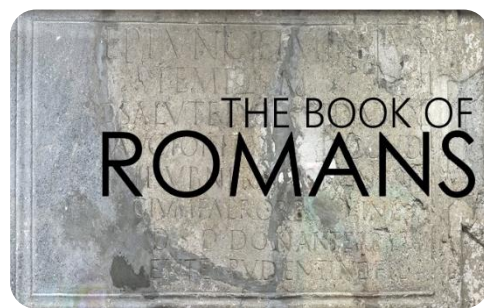


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Paul was a good teacher; in Galatians, we learn he was taught 3 years, then 14 more years directly from the Lord, who is a good Teacher too. This Book of Romans is the manifesto of God against all that is Mystery Babylon in the last days: **the 3 days of the Ingathering**, **shadows of things to come** still on the Lord's calendar awaiting their fulfillment.



¹ **Therefore I ask you, brothers by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice** / after all Paul wrote, he has this request for the family of faith,

which is your reasonable service / 2 words: logikos **latreia**, our **logical service**... which we need to logically **think** about... until our feet start doing it! This word for **service** is closely associated with the work of the old priests in the sanctuary... whose efforts were futile and no longer needed; because **the blood of bulls and goats** never took away sin - mine or yours. **But our High Priest having sacrificed once, for all time**... now takes His seat in heaven, making intercession for us; that old kind of service is obsolete, not needed anymore; so Paul sees this useless word for service, just sitting there doing nothing... and is inspired by the Spirit to grab it and apply it... to those in the family of God... presenting our own individual lives in devotion... as our **logical sacred duty** to God,

holy and acceptable / **hagios**; meaning **to set apart**. In Old English, **halig** meant: **whole, healthy, euaresto = well-pleasing**. And we know that without faith... we are powerless to please God.

So, what was Paul saying? Hear him again...

present your bodies a living sacrifice, which is your logical sacred duty set apart for His purposes, well-pleasing to God.

Now, someone might wonder: how do I do that? Well, Paul is a good teacher. Listen to him!

² **And be not conformed by this world** / be not shaped by all the conflicting ideas and seductive images; the half-truths and incomplete information, the angry, joyless rhetoric and fake claims. Have you noticed how much alike are those dressed in the latest fads? So uncreative; so similar; so not distinctive; so ordinary; so bland and boring.

but be transformed / metamorphoo; **meta = change + morphoo = form** literally **change the form** used 4 times in the New Testament. Matthew and Mark tell us about the real change Jesus experienced... on the Mount of Transfiguration, when His form changed into pure light... who can imagine?.

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The best essay written 100 years ago by Henry Drummond entitled: The Changed Life.
Check it out! metamorphosis into the image of Christ -- 2 Corinthians 3:18

Paul says...

be not fashioned by this world

but be transformed by renewing your mind / the word is: anakainosis... it suggests: making new, making fresh... which is not a one-time event, but something we can learn to do each day... as we pay attention and remind ourself what Christ thought, and what He taught, keeping what He told us fresh!

meta = change + noeo = mind; change what we know; change our mind!

by renewing , rethinking, reconsidering,

by relearning some things; perhaps many things!

as we change our mind; until we think correctly!

that you prove what is that good,

and acceptable / for a second time: well-pleasing.

and perfect, will of God / Jesus came to do His Father's will. Some might ask: what is the will of God? Well, He declared it on the first page of Genesis many years ago: He said Let Us make Adam -- and all who would come from him... in Our image, and in Our likeness. Can you imagine? A lively community of beings; created to freely walk with God and love Him above all others; and to always prefer one another.

that you prove what is that good, and acceptable / that you will demonstrate, and I give evidence... simply by refreshing your mind and taking what He said to heart... what is that well-pleasing,

and perfect will of God.

³For through the grace given to me, I say to everyone who is among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think seriously, as God has allotted a measure of faith to each.

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⁴For just as we have many parts in one body, and all parts do not have the same function / we do not all have the same assignment; we are individually created by our very creative Father in heaven:

⁵So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individual members one of another / and He is the head of that body.

⁶having gifts that differ according to the grace given us / given through the Spirit, sent by the Lord, doing the Father's will:

if prophecy, according to the standard of one's faith;

⁷or service, in serving: or teachers, in teaching;

⁸if encouraging, in encouragement: giving generously; leading with diligence; showing mercy with cheerfulness.

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is wrong; cling to what is good;

¹⁰show brotherly love one to another; preferring one another showing honor;

¹¹do not lack diligence; be fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

¹²rejoicing in hope; enduring in troubling times; persistent in prayer;

¹³share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality.

¹⁴Be a blessing to those who persecute you: a blessing, and not a curse.

¹⁵Rejoice with those rejoicing, weep with those weeping.

¹⁶Be agreeable with one another; not smug in mind, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation;

¹⁷repay no one wrong for wrong; give what is right in the sight of all.

¹⁸If possible, on your part, live peacefully with all people;

¹⁹not retaliating for yourselves, beloved; but instead leave a space for the wrath of God: for it is written:

Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, says the Lord / let the Lord pick the time and place.

²⁰ But, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; and if he is thirsty, give him a drink: for doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.

²¹ **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

The book of Romans was written to the early church in Rome: keep in mind the people met in homes where they were taught. Paul-- Inspired by the Spirit wrote this book, so it is just what the Lord knew those in Rome needed to know. In its Chapters we learn no hocus pocus is needed to ascend to heaven, or descend to the pit to bring up Christ. The word is near us, even in our mouth; **if you confess Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved.**

Paul, like the disciple John -- say nothing about the bread and wine; as if it is not a high priority. To the romans, Paul says nothing about communion; he mentioned neither transubstantiation, or consubstantiation. He did not refer to prayer beads, nor make a remark about wearing special robes, collars, mitres or skullcaps. He said nothing about lighting candles. No mention of Mary. No reference of some mother of God. Definitely No queen of heaven – **Prophet Jeremiah in chapters 44** took care of that demonic worship 500 years earlier. Paul had no papal bull crap to be concerned with: though he does thank God through Jesus Christ for all the faithful ones during that time in Rome.

So what happened? Did some mutton head, not led by the Spirit, not called up to the 3rd heaven, infiltrate the people of God with their evil that Paul never thought to tell Rome? **YES.** Many wolves in sheep's clothing came after Paul; disrupters inserting confusion: Let them be accursed; let them be as vessels worthy of the wrath of God, who sacrifice offerings to demons. **Come out of her My people.**

If you attend an assembly prone to go beyond what Paul and the Twelve first told us, then **come out of her my people.** Follow Jesus! Don't get in front of His agenda. Remember 3 days still are on the Lord's calendar. **3 Days are still on His Calendar**

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