

Romans

Chapter 12

Student

Contents: Christian life and service. Consecration to **CHRIST**.

Characters: **GOD**, **CHRIST**, Paul.

Conclusion: Since we have been justified through grace, by faith in **CHRIST**, it is our first duty is to surrender (whole) ourselves to **GOD** as a living sacrifice. As a result we are grateful. This gratitude generates a desire in us to serve **GOD** by serving others. Our gratefulness is shown both in our relationship to **CHRIST**, and also to one another. Our lives should be a witness to all as we seek to good to the community of faith as well as the community at large.

Key Word: Consecrationⁱ (present bodies), 1.

Strong Verses: 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 19, 21.

Striking Facts: 1. The reference to “sacrifice” no doubt connects Leviticus 1:6-9. The burnt offering typifies **CHRIST** offering **HIMSELF** to **GOD** in perfect devotion to the **FATHER**’s will. The one who offers the sacrifice or the Priest got nothing of it—it was all devoted to **GOD**. So the believer is to live a life completely dedicated to Him—in which He has absolute right of way.

Questions:

1. What metaphor does Paul use to describe the church community?
2. How should we use our “charisma?”
3. Where else can we find Paul discussing different gifts?
4. How should our attitude/behavior be described inside and outside the church?

Bonus: Where in the Old Testament is Paul getting verses 19 and 20 from?

Verse 19 - _____ **Verse 20** _____

ⁱ **Consecration** - the action of making or declaring something sacred.