

Sermons
New Testament
Romans 12

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Theme: Sacrifice

Proposition: Sacrifice is one of the methods by which man must fulfil the will of God in order to become of the family of Christ.

Scripture: Romans 12

Text: Romans 12:1

References: Webster's Collegiate Dictionary

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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that yet present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think: but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

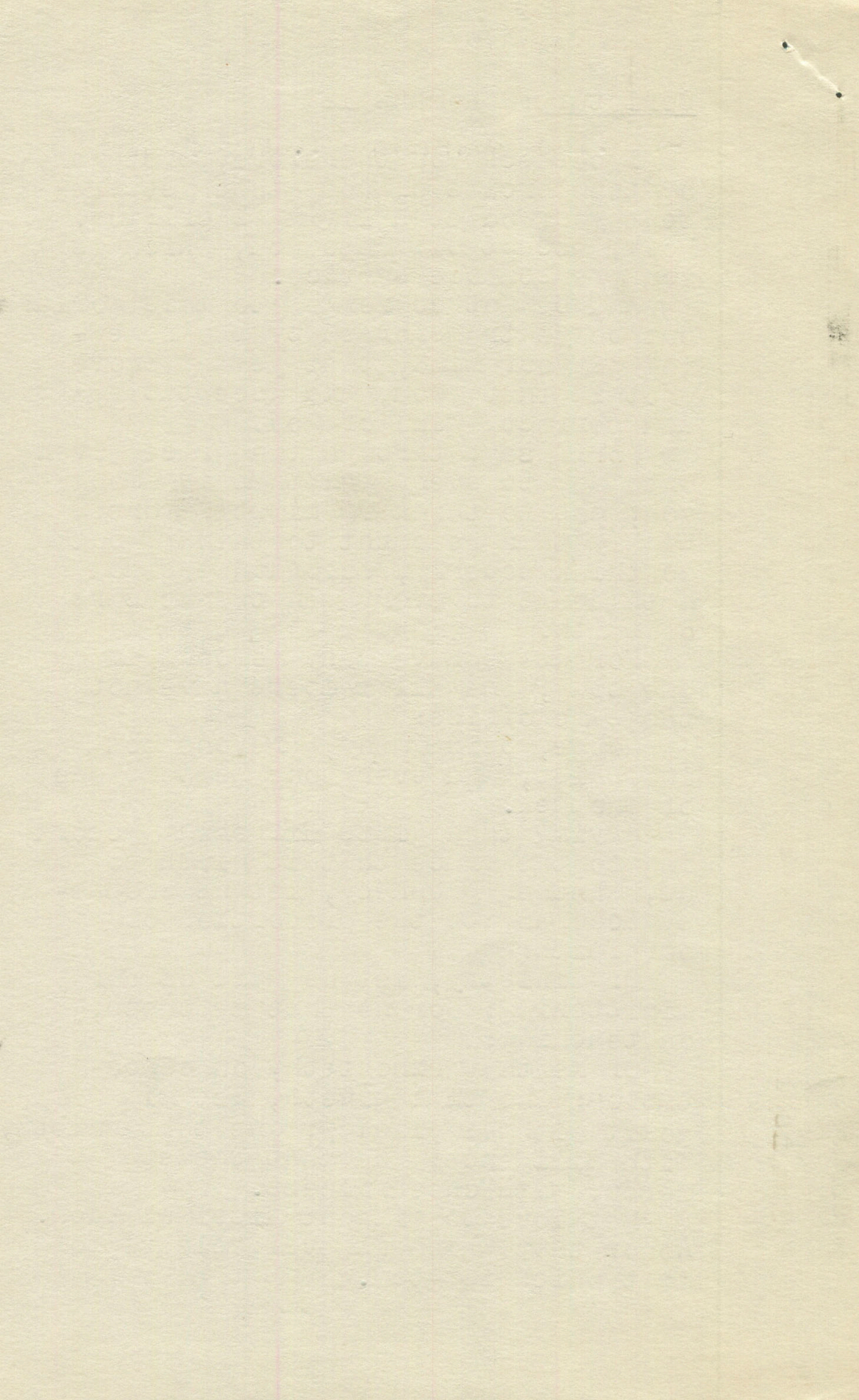
So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

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Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith:

Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.



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Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

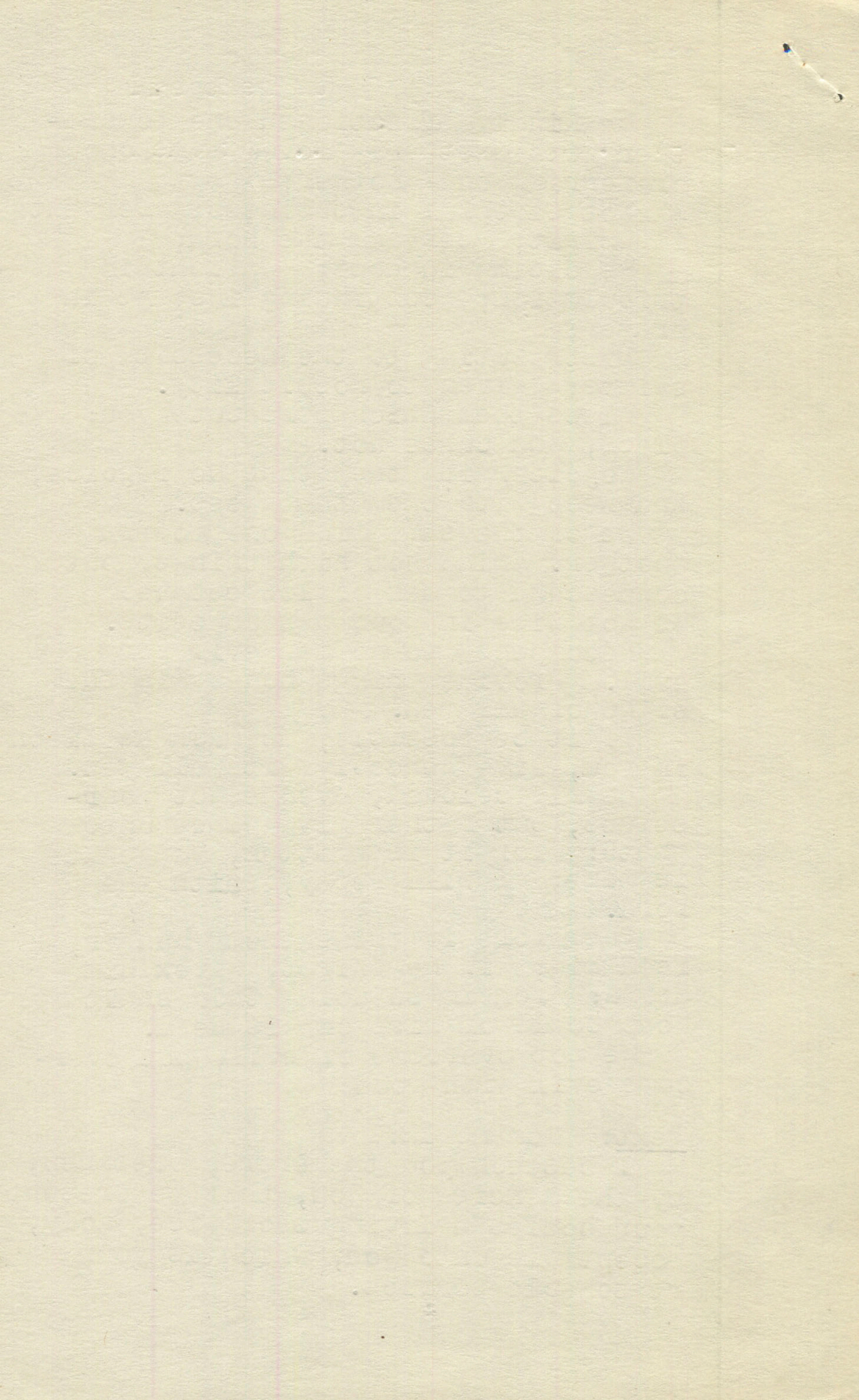
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Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Introduction:

1. Among the things which Christ exemplified in his life was sacrifice.

2. In Mark 8:34 Jesus said that if a man were to follow him, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow.

3. Denial means, as was seen previously in this series, means renunciation of self. It can also mean, and means along with renunciation, sacrifice.

4. According to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, sacrifice is "the destruction or surrender of some desirable thing in behalf of a higher object, or devotion of it to a claim deemed more pressing; also, the things so given up.

5. Our passage here gives Paul's advice that sacrifice of our bodies must be made.

6. This sacrifice of which Paul is talking, if we study the whole passage carefully, includes ~~xxxxxx~~ many of the things which we ordinarily think of as sacrifice, and therefore we can find just what sort of sacrifice we must make to become of Christ's family by studying this passage together.

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