

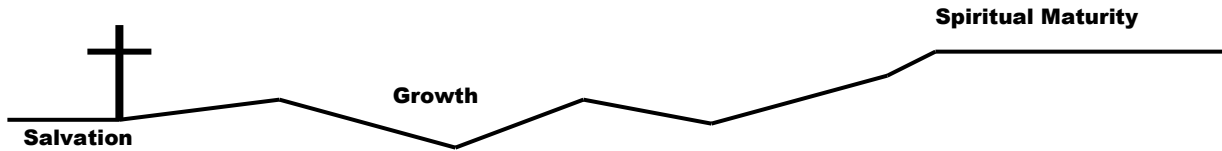
## A RISKY SACRIFICE? ~ Romans 12:1

→ Scripture Reading Romans 11:33-36

### INTRODUCTION

How do you Measure Spiritual Growth?

How do we Visualize and think about Growing Spiritual Maturity?



Romans 11:36-12:1 (NIV) [36] For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. [1] Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.

### OFFER YOURSELF A LIVING SACRIFICE ~ Romans 12:1

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### APPLICATION

**...in the ancient world people offered sacrifices in order to OBTAIN the mercy of the gods, but Romans teaches us that God's MERCY towards us provides the REASON FOR our sacrifice.**

Expositors

#### THE REASON FOR COMMITMENT Hughes

- God's Mercies - All that God has done to Forgive and Save us

#### THE NATURE OF COMMITMENT Hughes

- Total - present your bodies
- Reasonable - the Rational thing to do
- Act of Worship - act of intelligent worship

## APPLICATION

### OLD TESTAMENT WORSHIP

Offering of DEAD Sacrifices  
Legal REQUIREMENT  
MAKE a sacrifice

### NEW TESTAMENT WORSHIP

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Offering a LIVING Sacrifice  
Reasonable RESPONSE to God's Mercy  
**BE** a sacrifice

- ➔Worship is doing ALL that we do to Honor Jesus Christ
- ➔Worship is thinking and acting in ways that make Jesus Look good

## APPLICATION

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** (ESV) Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

## TAKE AWAY ??

### Questions