

## **Romans 11:33-35 (NIV)**

**[33] Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! [34] "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" [35] "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"**

## **Romans 11:36-12:1 (NIV)**

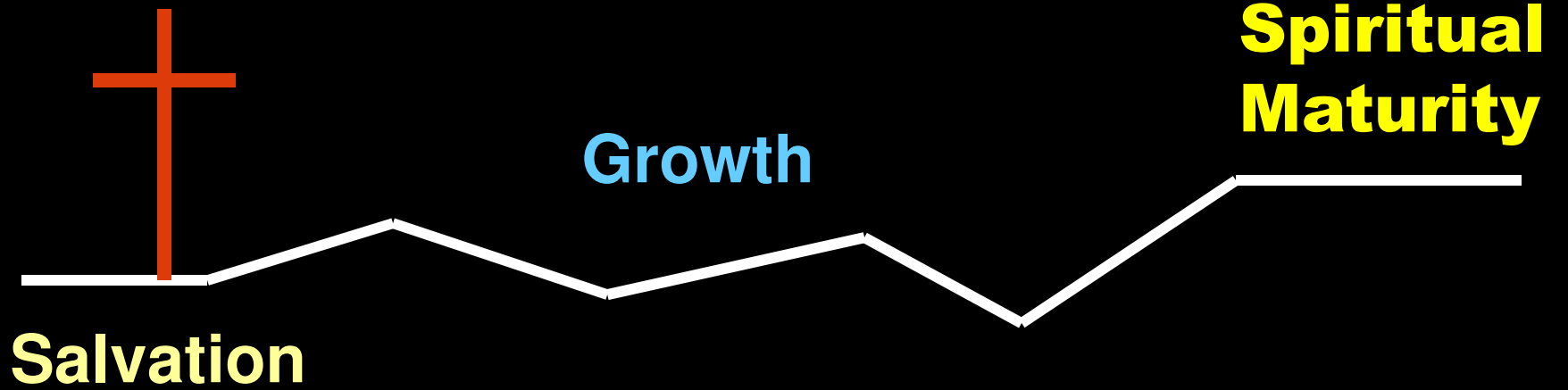
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# **A Risky Sacrifice?**

**Romans 12:1**

**How do you MEASURE  
Spiritual Growth?**

**How do we visualize and  
think about growing  
Spiritual Maturity?**



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

# **The REASON for Commitment**

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

# **The NATURE of Commitment**

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

## Old Testament Worship

Offering of **DEAD**  
sacrifices

Legal **REQUIREMENT**

**MAKE** a sacrifice

## New Testament Worship

Offering a **LIVING**  
sacrifices

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**

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.**

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# **QUESTIONS**

- 1. Why should we offer ourselves as Living Sacrifices?**
- 2. How can we keep going - trusting when our feelings are in turmoil we are full of fear?**
- 3. How can we do ALL we that we do as Worship?**