

## “Relationships that Matter: Our Sacrificial Relationship with God-Part 1”

Romans 12:1-2

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### I. The **Activation**

#### a. **Positional** Activation by God

1 John 4:19 “We love him, because he first loved us.”

#### b. **Progressive** Activation by Paul

### II. The **Presentation**

#### a. **Living** Sacrifice

#### b. **Holy** Sacrifice

Romans 11:16 “For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.”

Philippians 4:8-9 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. <sup>9</sup> Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”

#### c. **Acceptable** Sacrifice

2 Corinthians 5:6-9 “Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: <sup>7</sup> (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.”

Ephesians 5:6-10 “Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Be not ye therefore partakers with them. <sup>8</sup> For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: <sup>9</sup> (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) <sup>10</sup> Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.”

### III. The **Rationalization**

### IV. The **Application**

#### a. **Consider**

#### b. **Confess**

#### c. **Change**

Charles Spurgeon “Another proof of the conquest of a soul for Christ will be found in a real change of life. If the man does not live differently from what he did before, both at home and abroad, his repentance needs to be repented of and his conversion is a fiction.”