

**"Holy & Acceptable"**

**Romans 12: 1 - 2**

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- **God Requires That His Children Exhibit An All Consuming Commitment To Holiness, (vs. 1 - 2)**
  - The Christian's Commitment To Holiness Is An All Consuming, (vs. 1)
  - The Christian's Commitment To Holiness Is A Transformative, (vs. 2)
    - Our commitment to holiness excludes us from a commitment to the world, (vs. 2a)
      - ✦ *"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance," (1 Peter 1:14)*
      - ✦ *"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15)*
    - Our commitment to holiness changes our nature & how we perceive everything, (vs. 2b)
      - ✦ *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)*
      - ✦ *"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16)*
    - Our commitment to holiness places our focus squarely on God's plans, (vs. 2c)
      - ✦ *" Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you." (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)*
    - Our commitment to holiness demonstrates the very nature of God, (vs. 2d)