

“Community God’s Way”
Romans 12:1-8
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Introduction

I. Because of Jesus, I need to think and live differently. (1-2)

1. Why: I respond to God because of his _____ . (1)

2. What: I respond to God with an _____ offering of my whole self. (1)

3. How: I offer my life by being transformed through a new way of _____ . (2)

Paul says to believers in Romans 6:

“sin _____ in your mortal body”	6:12
“sin was your _____”	6:14
“you were _____ the law”	6:15
“you were _____ to sin”	6:16

When ppl come to faith in Jesus, they are:

“_____ from sin”	6:7
“_____ to God”	6:11
“_____ grace”	6:14.
“_____ to God”	6:22.

New behavior begins w/ a new _____ .

New living begins with new _____ .

II. Three guidelines for understanding my _____ in the _____ . (3-8)

1. When I'm _____, I'm not thinking _____ . (3)

"I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High." Isaiah 14:14

2. I'm a member of Christ's _____, inseparably _____ to other believers. (4,5)

Observation: Many Christians don't _____ as deeply as they could, because they don't make a _____ to a local church.

2 reasons:

a) Every significant organization in the world has _____.

b) Personal _____ leads to mutual acceptance and deeper love.

3. I must use the _____ God gave me to _____ His people. (6-8)

Nothing significant happens in this world without _____!

III. Conclusion:

1. If you are not a Christian yet:

2. If you are a Christian, and not a member of Crossroads yet:

3. If you are a member: