

The Avenue of Exhortation

"I beseech you" – exhortation

The Mercies of God

- What they received justification
- What they are receiving vitality through the Spirit
- What they will receive glory

The Exhortation

Present Your Bodies a Sacrifice

- Romans 6:11-13 dead to sin, presented alive to God.
- Bodies are instruments
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:23;
 - 1 Corinthians 6:13-14

The Exhortation

Characteristics of the Sacrifice

- Living Micah 6:6-8;1 Peter 2:5, 9-12
- Holy 1 Peter 1:14-16
- Acceptable to God Ephesians 5:10;
 Colossians 3:17
- Your reasonable service logikos (cf. 1 Peter 2:2) – "spiritual service" (ASV)

The Execution of the Exhortation

Not Conformed to this World

 Spiritual service of the living sacrifice not accomplished through outward conformity to the world while attempting to hold onto spiritual life in Christ –

1 Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 4:17;

1 Peter 4:3; Galatians 5:24-25

The Execution of the Exhortation

Transformed by Renewing of Your Mind

The different way of living does not occur without an inner renovation of the mind by God's will – Titus 3:5;
 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 2 Cor. 4:16;
 Ephesians 4:20-24

Proving the Will of God

Parallel – 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

