

# A *Living* Sacrifice

Romans 12:1



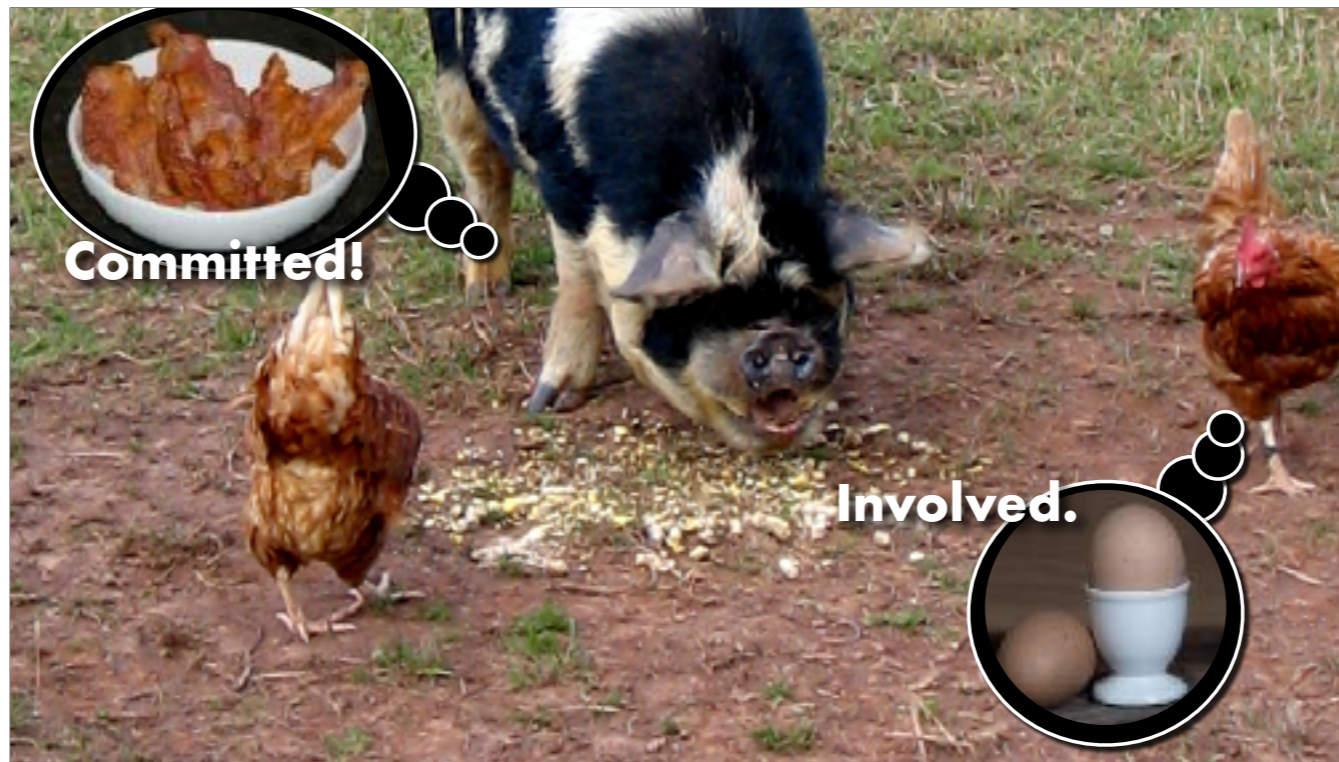


- One day the animals at the farm want to show the farmer how much they appreciate his good care for them.
- So they decide to make him breakfast.
- They know his favorite breakfast is bacon and eggs, so they decide to make that for him.
- The chickens are very happy to contribute the eggs, but the pig is not so sure about providing the bacon.
- The chickens question his resolve.

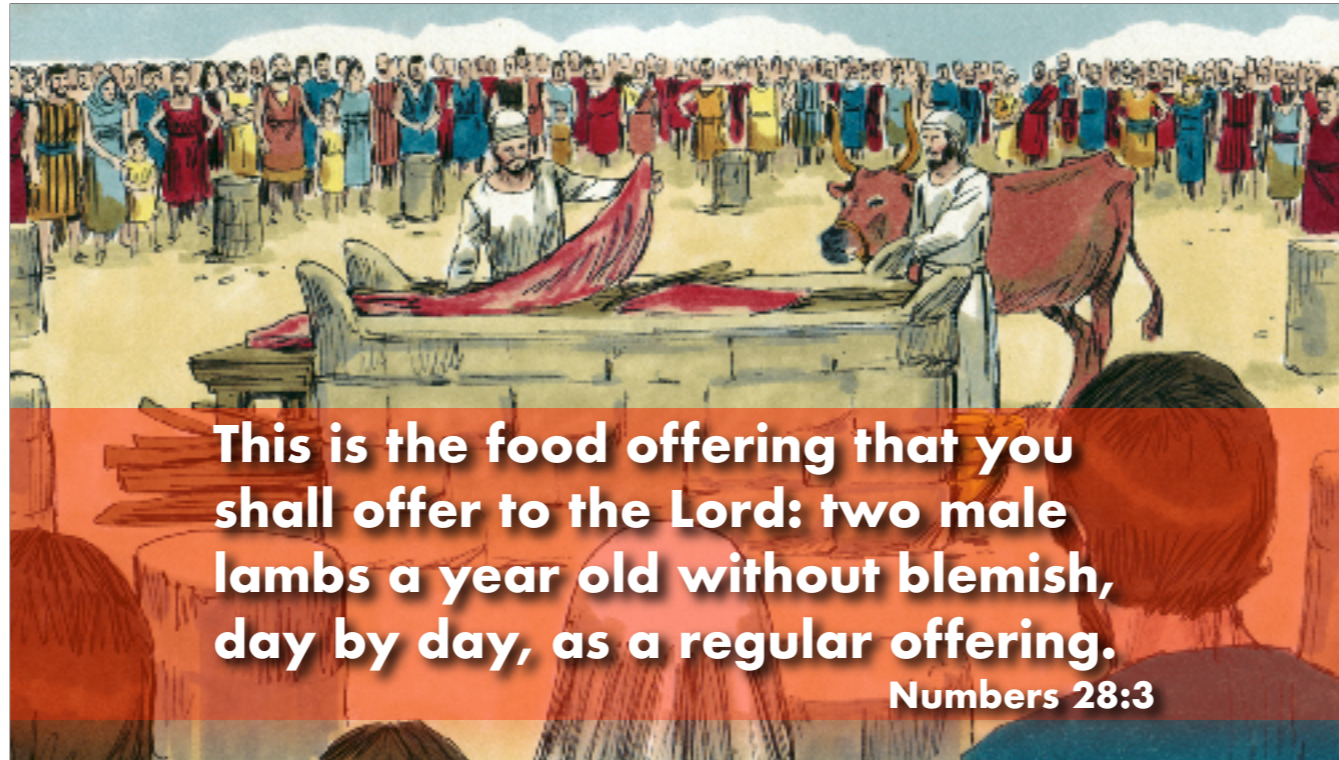


- The pig points out that while the chickens are involved in making the breakfast, because they just have to lay some eggs.





- He would be fully committed, having to sacrifice himself to provide the bacon.
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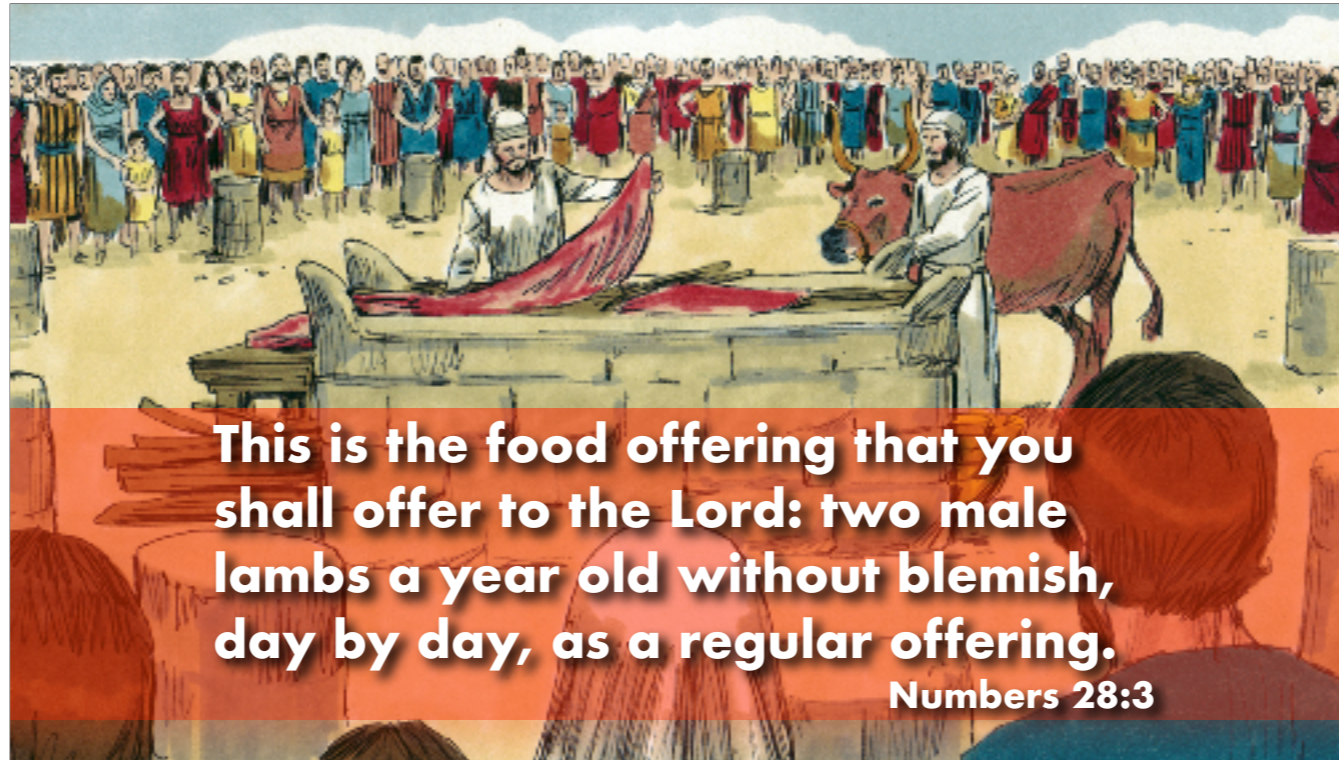


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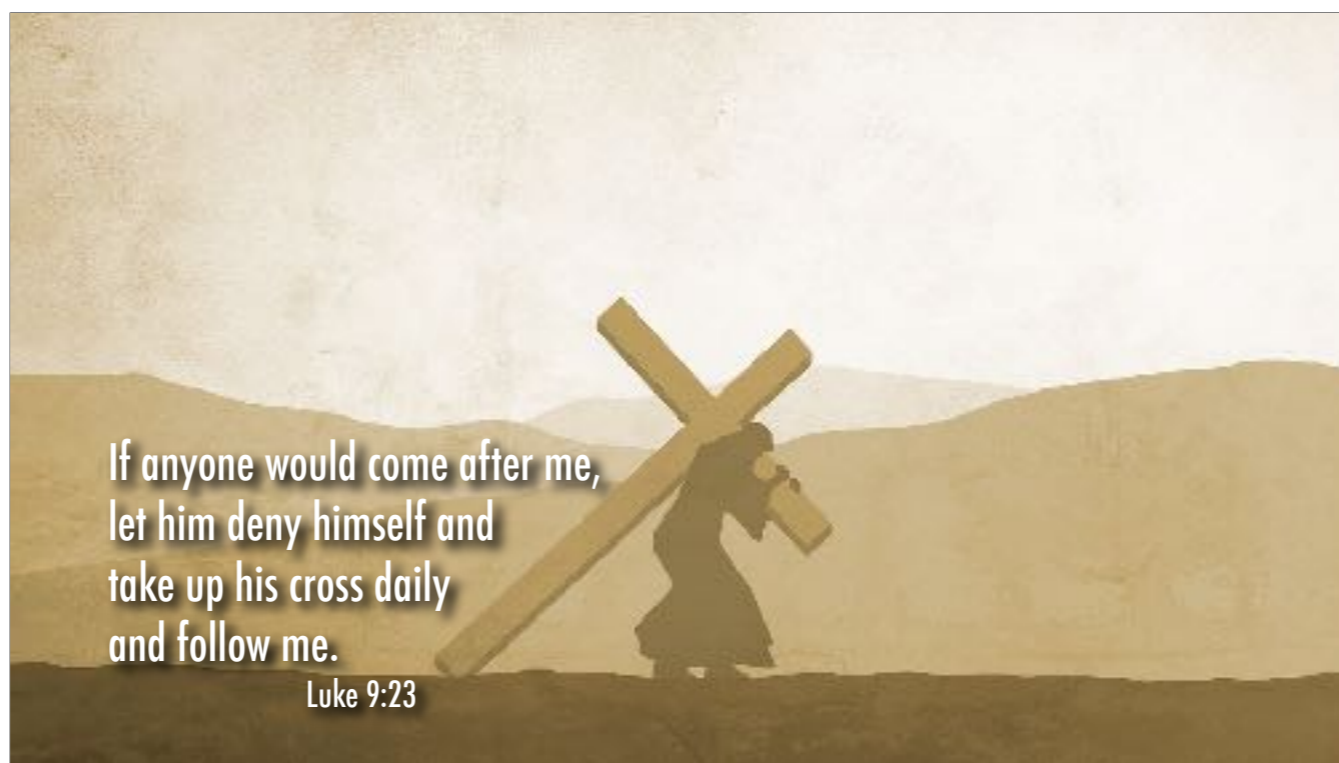




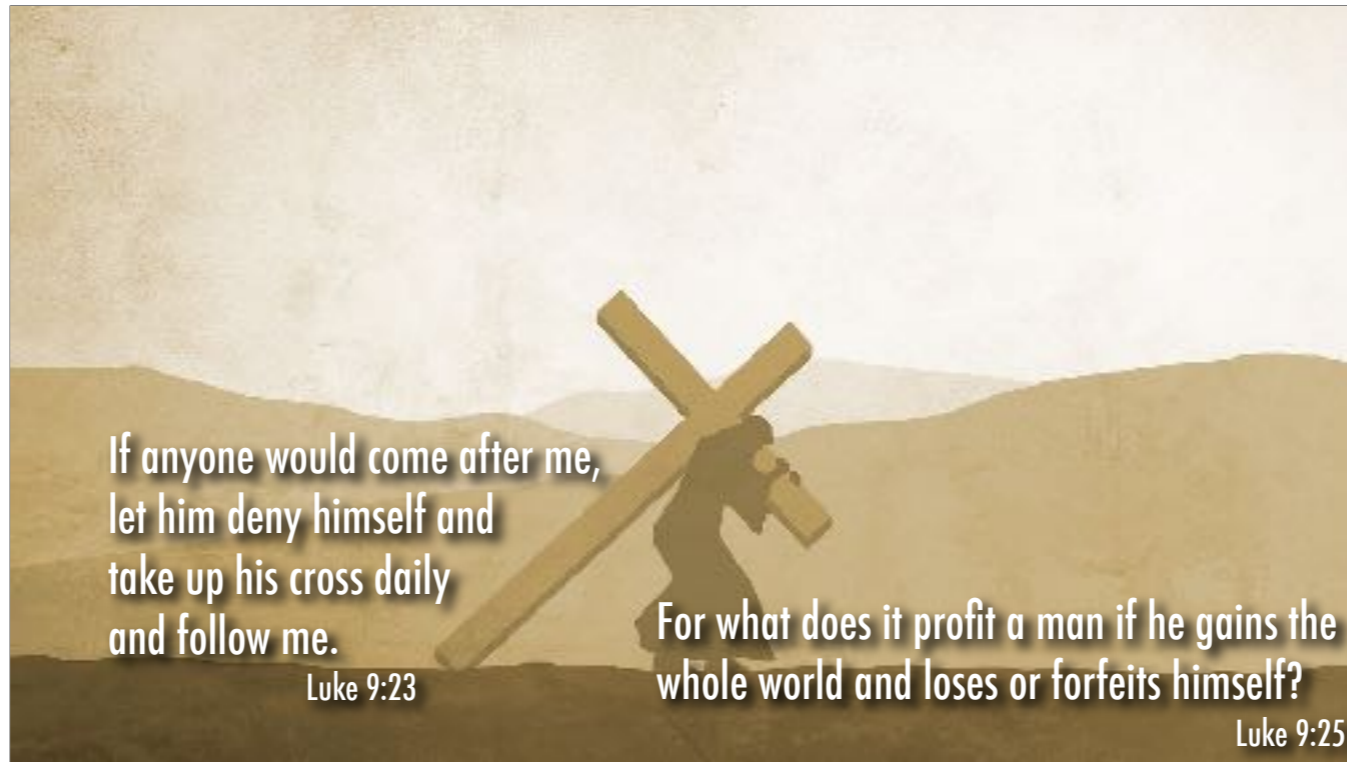
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- Malachi 1:6-8 (ESV) 6 “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’ 7 By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the Lord's table may be despised. 8 When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the Lord of hosts.



- Luke 9:23-25 (ESV) 23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.



- 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?





- Romans 12:2: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
- Metamorphoo
- Change from world
  - Sacrifice the things of the world
  - Sacrifice what was normal
  - Sacrifice temporary desires, pleasures
  - Must give up, work to change, it's not easy
- Transformed to something more beautiful
  - image of Jesus Christ



- Living Sacrifice is a concept we often admire:
  - Athletes who sacrifice so that they can excel at their chosen sport
  - Business men who sacrifice for advancement in their career
- But when it comes to righteousness it's often demeaned.
  - Goody two shoes
  - Zealot
- If you are going to be transformed to the image of Christ it's going to require a sacrifice.
  - World ... with all it's allures
  - Self ...
- Results is something better and more beautiful



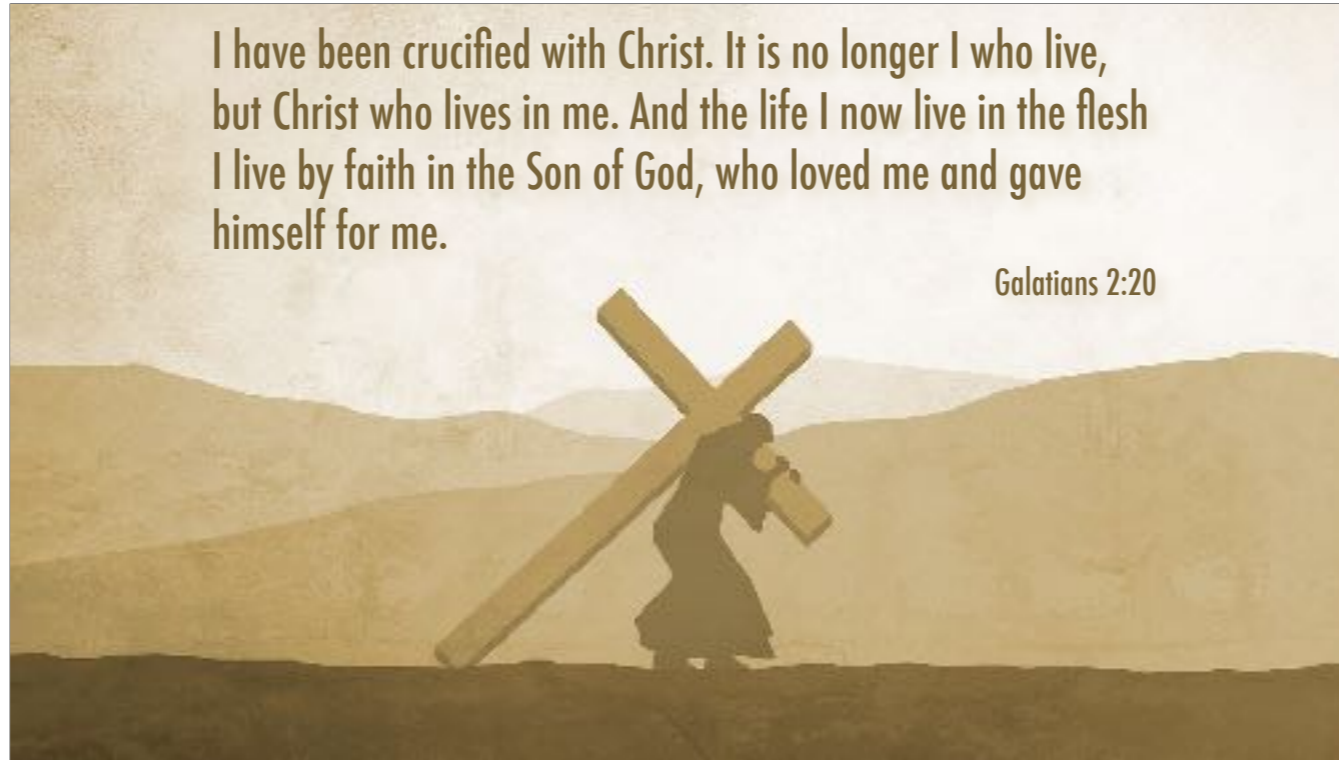
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Romans 6:11**

- Romans 6:3-11 (ESV) 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



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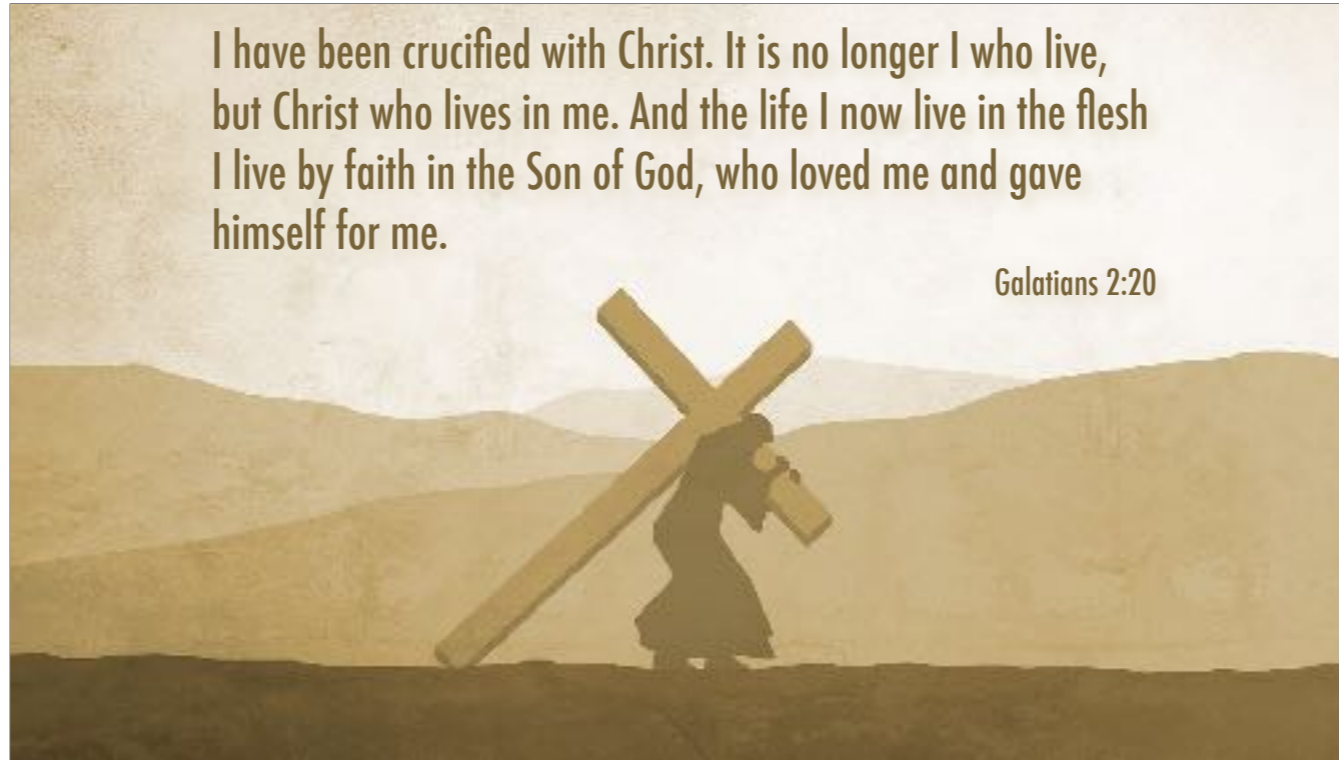
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- Have you truly sacrificed yourself in service to your God?
  - How do you see this in your life on a daily basis?
  - Would this be something that others see clearly by how you live your life each day?
  - Can this be seen in how you spend your time, your money, your efforts?
    - What do you give more time and devotion to in your life?
  - Are you honoring God by giving a worthy sacrifice?
- Alive!
  - Remember that we are ALIVE, not dead.
  - This is a better way.

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**



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## A Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1

Synopsis: To be transformed to the image of Jesus Christ, we chose to be a living sacrifice. But what does that mean? A sacrifice is devotion of something completely in honor of another. In Christ, we join with Jesus in baptism we die to sin and are made alive to God.

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**“Let all that you do be done with love.”**