



*Living
Sacrifices*

*Giving our
best ...
despite our
feelings*



Romans 12:1-2

*I beseech you therefore, brethren... **present your bodies as a living sacrifice...** And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*



Context

Ch 1 The gospel is the power of salvation for all who believe

Ch 2 Jews & Gentiles alike are found wanting

Ch 3 All have fallen short of the glory

Ch 4 Those of faith inherit his promises

Ch 5 Grace and the free gift of life come to all through Christ

Ch 6 Do not offer your bodies to 'sin' but to God

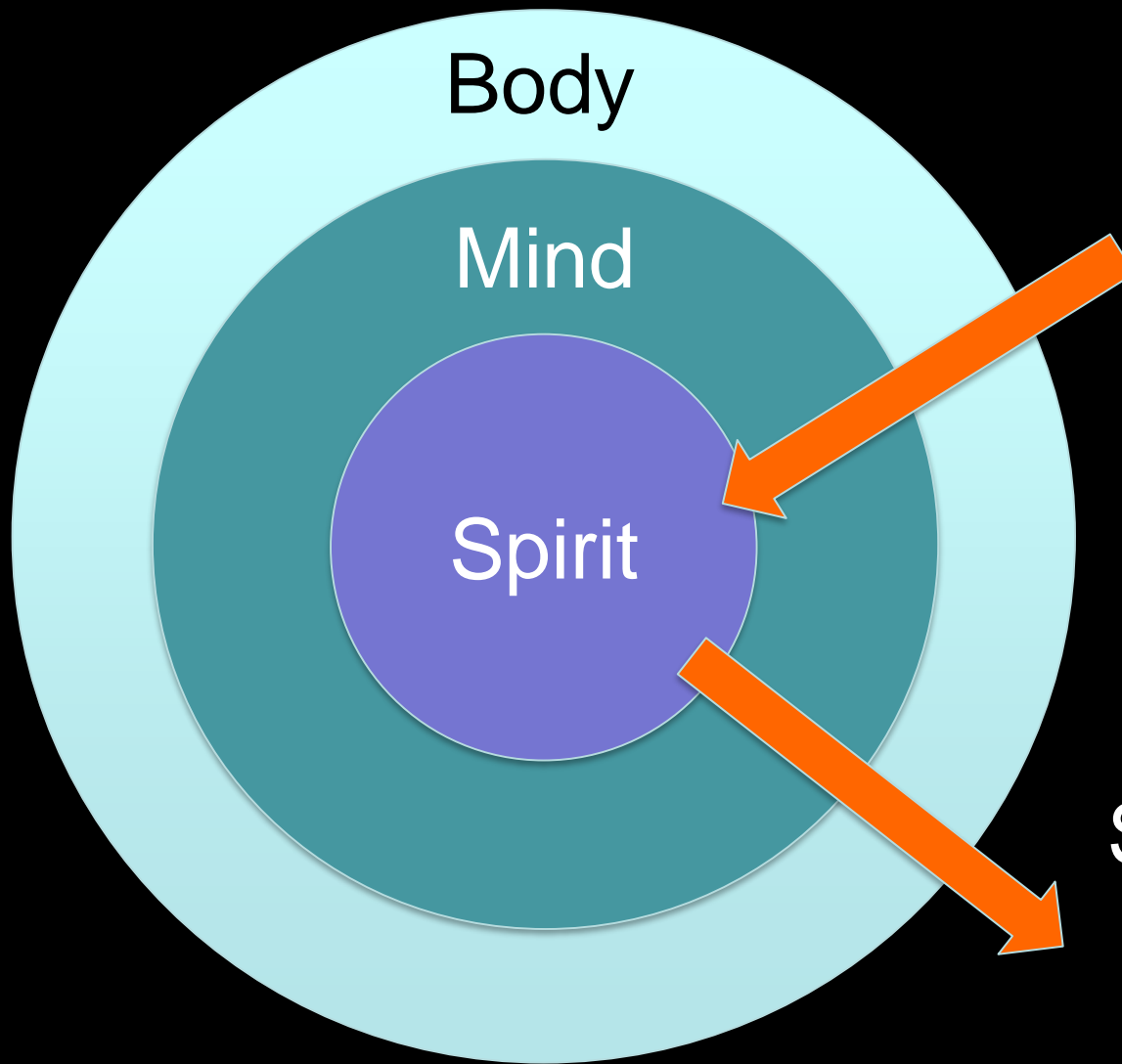
Ch 7 Knowing right from wrong is not enough

Ch 8 Living through faith & according to the Spirit

Ch 9-11 Israel have not been forgotten

Ch 12 Do not be moulded by the world but be transformed





Led by feelings?
=
a victim

Self-control
=
freedom!

Don't be moulded!

3 paths to freedom

- 1. Bless our enemies (12:14)*
- 2. Give time to the lowly (12:16)*
- 3. Give to the needs (12:13)*

...modelled by Christ and products of sonship!





Bless your enemies



Give time to the lowly



*Give to
the
needs*

Jesus sets us free!

7:25 Thank God through Jesus

8:2 The Spirit has made me free

8:6 To be Spirit-minded is life & peace

8:15 You received the Spirit of adoption

8:16 The Spirit helps us know we are children

8:29 We are predestined to become like Jesus

8:21 We bring freedom to creation



Know your Father

Our heavenly Father

Protects us & will bring justice

Accepts us as His children - Identity

Provides for us

Following Jesus, knowing the Father by the Spirit...enabling us to live free!

