



*Living
Sacrifices*



*Living in
hope despite
the pain*

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

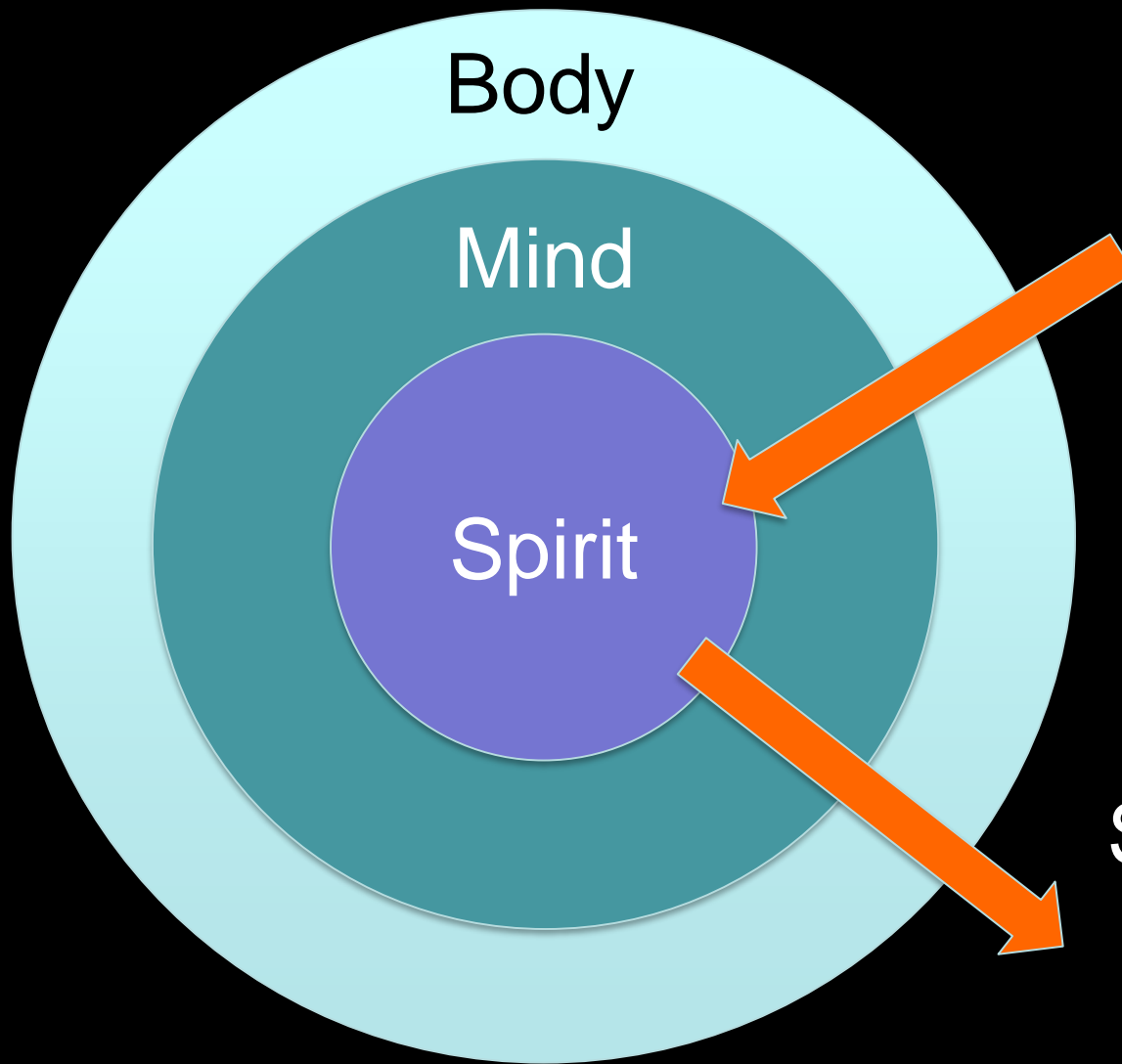
Ch 7 Knowing right from wrong is not enough

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!

Romans 12:11-12

“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honour giving preference to one another, not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;”



3 more paths to freedom

- 1. Serve the Lord (12:11)*
- 2. Be patient in trouble (12:12)*
- 3. Be steadfast in prayer (12:12)*

...all released by living in hope!





Serve the Lord



Be patient in trouble



Be steadfast in prayer

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



Living in hope

Meditate on God's faithfulness

Fix our eyes on Jesus – Hebrews 12:2

He has overcome! John 16:33

Remember God is with you

He still has plans to give you a future!

Jeremiah 29:11

