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Becoming a Romans 12 Trailman

January Topic: Giving God What He Really Wants – You!

Trailman, God wants all of you! Romans 12:1 says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

Jesus was asked once which commandment of the Law was the greatest. He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:30–32; cf. Matthew 22:37–39).

What God wants is really quite simple: He wants us. All of us. Are Trailman willing to give it all? To surrender? All our service for God must flow from those two commands to love, or it is not real service; it is fleshly effort. What does it mean to "Walk Worthy"? Romans says that those who are "in the flesh cannot please God."

God wants us to trust in His Son as Savior and Lord (Philippians 2:9–11). Second Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord . . . is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." We come to know Jesus through repenting of our sin and accepting Him as our personal sacrifice (Romans 10:9; John 1:12).

When Jesus' disciples asked Him to show them the Father, He replied, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). God wants us to know Him, and we can only know Him through Jesus.