

**“...but grow in the grace and  
knowledge of  
our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ.  
To Him be the glory,  
both now and to  
the day of eternity.  
Amen.”**

**II Peter 3:18**

# **Growing in Christ: The Goal...**

**We are to grow in Christ-likeness,  
being conformed to His character,  
bearing fruit and  
growing in good works**

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- Salvation!
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## **I Timothy 4:7**

**“Discipline  
yourself  
toward  
godliness**

## **II Peter 1:3**

**“Seeing that His  
divine power  
has granted to  
us everything  
pertaining to life  
and  
godliness!”**



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- Baptism!

# Romans 12:1

We are exhorted by God  
to offer our bodies  
as  
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# Present Your Bodies, Rom. 12:1

- The Basis For The Presentation:  
The Mercy of God.
- The Urgency of The Presentation.
- The Nature of The Presentation:  
Living and Holy Sacrifice!
- The Quality of The Presentation:  
Acceptable To God!

# Present Your Bodies, Rom. 12:1

- The Reasonableness of the Presentation: it is “logical”  
(λογικος)
- The “Foundation” of the Presentation:  
It is “Worship-Service”  
It is “Latreia”



Latreia Living...

“Worship-Service”

Service that is performed  
as an act of Worship

Worship that is expressed  
in acts of Service.

**WORSHIP-SERVICE**

# Latreia Living...

Unbelievers offer latreia to anything  
BUT God!, Acts 7:42; Romans 1:25

# Latreia Living...

Believers are to offer Latreia...

- God desires it, Mt. 4:10; Lk. 4:8.
- Paul exhorts it, Rom. 12:1
- Paul modeled it!; Acts 24:14; 27:23; Rom. 1:9; II Tim. 1:3.
- It is a characteristic of a believer, Philippians 3:3. Cp. Col. 3:22-24.

# Latreia Living...

Believers are to offer Latreia...

- We have been cleansed from dead works to offer it, Heb. 9:14.
- It demonstrates our gratitude to God, Heb. 12:28.
- It will be our joy and privilege in heaven, Rev. 7:15; 22:3

# Latreia Living...

An Old Testament Example of  
Latreia...Worship-Service Living

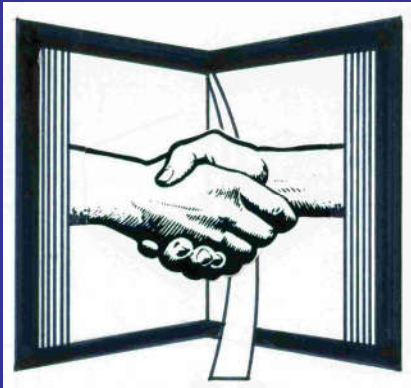
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