# To the Church in Rome Are You Holy and Pleasing?

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#### **Introduction:**

- No one will be given an UNCONDITIONAL GUARANTEE to salvation. Salvation is conditional to your Free Will choice to accept the Terms of Pardon as laid out by the Holy Spirit through the Apostles.
- Salvation is found by fully surrendering to Jesus and following His Terms of Pardon ... Salvation is free! ... Salvation is wonderful! ... Salvation is for everyone who desires it! ... BUT ... Salvation is not unconditional!
- Two Israels:
  - o Physical Israel Romans 3:1-2; Romans 9:4-5
  - o Spiritual Israel Romans 2:25-29; Romans 3:21-Romans 8:39
- John 14:6
- Romans 11:36-39
- Greek <u>Hagiazo</u> ... English <u>Sanctified</u> ... "To set apart ... To make holy."

## 1. Living Sacrifice:

- a. Romans 12:1-2
- b. What is a living sacrifice?
- c. The Requirements *Perfect and without blemish.*
- d. Isaiah 61:10
- e. Paul gives us the answer in TWO Parts:
  - i. <u>Do not conform to the patterns of this world</u> **James 4:4-10 ... 2**<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:14-17
  - ii. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind
    - 1. Mirrium-Webster defines <u>TRUTH</u> this way "The body of real things, events, and facts ... A body of true statements and propositions."

## 2. What Gift Do You Have?

- a. Romans 12:3
- b. Romans 12:4-5
- c. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:14-20
- d. What gifts have you been graced with?



## 3. Serve the Lord?

- a. Romans 12:9-21
- b. Romans 12:9-10
- c. Greek <u>Anypokritos</u> (A-Knee-Po-Kri-Toes) ... English <u>Sincere</u> ... "Pertaining to being genuine and sincere ... Without hypocrisy."
- d. Romans 12:11-13
- e. Greek Okneros (Oak-Nar-Ous) ... English Lacking ... "Idle ... Lazy ... Lag ... Slothful."
- f. Greek <u>Spoude</u> (Spoo-Day) ... English <u>Zeal</u> ... "Fervor ... Eagerness ... Passion ... Enthusiasm."
- g. Greek <u>Zeo</u> (Za-O) ... English <u>Fervor</u> ... (In this Context) "Water Boiling ... Metal glowing with heat."
- h. Do you believe that Jesus has your best interest in mind?
- i. Pray for the persecutor:
  - i. Acts 7:54-60
  - ii. Like 23:34

