

*Title IX Video — Eblast AWAKE, ARISE, COUNT IT ALL JOY*

## Romans 12:1-2 Our Full Devotion

### I. Romans – Gospel of the Righteousness of God

#### A. Rom 1-11 Theology of Salvation [slide 1]

Ro 1:5 ... we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the **obedience of faith** for the sake of his name among all the nations,

8:39 [Nothing] in all creation, **will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

#### B. Rom 9-11 The Israel Issue

Israel has a complete history—past, present, and future.

#### C. Rom 12-16 Transformation: Response of Full Devotion

Rom 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, ...

### II. Salvation's Application —> Incarnation (Love looks like something)

#### A. *What God Has Done for Us*

Eph 1:4 He **chose us** in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

1. Chose Us

Ro 8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. [slide 2]

2. Called Us

3. Justified

4. Sanctified

5. Glorified

#### B. *Our Response to God's Love (chapter 12-16)*

## II. Whole Life Commitment

Ro 12:1 I appeal (beseech, urge, exhort) to you therefore, brothers, by **the mercies of God**, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (reasonable service) **[slide 3]**

MERCIES OF GOD — *oiktirmos* — *rahamim* — God's tender heart.

### A. *Based in Divine Mercies*

**We do not serve Christ... to receive His mercies**, because **we already have them**. We serve Him out of love and appreciation.

#### 1. Presenting a holy and acceptable Sacrifice

An abundant life is not always from getting more but in giving all.

A few years ago young woman came to me after I spoke at a conference. She said something like "I can't seem to live in victory." she said. "I'm frustrated. I don't have a sense of accomplishment. I struggle with simple obedience. I'm constantly defeated. Can you help me?"

I said, "What have you tried?" She replied, "I've tried **everything**. I've attended churches where they have healings, and have all kinds of extraordinary spiritual experiences. I've spoken in tongues, had ecstatic experiences, been prophesied over, and experienced several miracles. I've been 'slain in the spirit.' Despite that, I'm not pleased with my life and I know God isn't pleased. *I've tried to get everything from Him that I can*, but I'm not satisfied. I'm still miserable and want more."

"I think you have just put your finger on the problem. The key to victory and true happiness is not in trying to get all we can from God **but in giving all that we are and have to Him.**"

#### 2. Bodies

The Greeks considered the body a prison house, something to be despised.

Paul says, "So take your body; take everything you do every day; take the ordinary work of the home, the shop, the office, the warehouse, the internet, the construction site, the sales meeting, the zoom call, the delivery route, etc. and offer all that as an act of worship to God."

True worship is the offering to God of one's body and **all that one does every day** with it.

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1 Cor 6:19 Or do you not know that **your body is a temple** of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

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1 Th 5:23 Now may the God of peace himself **sanctify you completely**, and may your whole spirit and soul and **body** be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ro 6:12 **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body**, to make you obey its passions. (Over eating, being lazy )

Ro 8:23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, ..., **groan inwardly** as we **wait eagerly** for adoption as sons, the **redemption of our bodies**.

### 3. Living

**Real worship is the offering of everyday life to him**—not only in a church, but which sees the whole world as the temple of the living God.

### 4. Reasonable (Spiritual) form of Religious Service

#### B. Freedom, Transformation, Renewal, & God's Will

Ro 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

#### 1. Do NOT CONFORM to the Shifting Fashions of the age.

*superficial schemes — no elemental or essential change.*

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Ps 1:1 **Blessed** is the man who walks not in the **counsel** of the wicked, nor stands in the **way** of sinners, nor **sits** in the seat of scoffers;

Ends in bondage. It's a downhill slide.

We don't "Go along to get along" on anything crucial.

**Life.** All life is holy. Not just spirit and soul, but BODY

Is it right to steal or destroy an eagle egg? 1st offence 1 yr/ \$5k  
criminal max 5yr/ \$250k

Is it a right to have an abortion? Pres Biden, Mrs Pelosi, Gov Wolf, Gov Newsom all think so.

**More families want to adopt** than there are babies to adopt.  
March for Life — Sept 19

Pregnancy Help Ministries outnumber abortion mills

**Marriage.** In the beginning... male and female.

Children do best with a father and a mother.

**Gender** -

From <https://www.education.pa.gov/EIB/Gender-GenderIdentity/Pages/default.aspx>

Creating Gender-Inclusive Schools

- Assigned Gender: The gender a baby is given upon birth, usually based on the child's birth sex.
- Binary Gender: The faulty concept that there are only two genders: male and female.

Do we understand what this is doing to the FUTURE?

Not just schools, it has infiltrated gov, business, Disney, MLB

MLB good news and bad news: The good news is, the Texas Rangers "have **come under enormous fire from powerful LGBT groups** for not giving in and having a pride night."

Wait a minute, you're thinking, that sounds bad. How is that

good news? Well, it's **good by comparison** to the bad news: Every other MLB team (29 out of 30) has hosted a Pride night, and many do so "every single year." Way to go for the Texas Rangers' courageous stand against the tsunami of corporate wokeness.

For 20 out of the 29 teams, these pride nights were "funding groups that were either promoting sex changes for children as young as 12 years old, or ... actually providing them themselves." Nothing says baseball like permanently sterilizing children!

This transgender slush money is coming straight from ticket sales.

Not POLITICAL issues, but BIBLICAL, basic issues of life.

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**Critical Race Theory.** Marxism repackaged. It has never worked, killed millions, and consumes every national culture it gets in its claws.

[Acts 17:26](#) And he made from one man every nation of mankind ...,

## 2. Be Transformed (Changed at the essential level)

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[Ps 1:2](#) but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. [3](#) He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**Transformation occurs through a RENEWED MIND.**

*be transformed by the renewal of your mind*

ἀνακαινώσις *anakainosis* – to be made new and better.

[Col 3:10](#) Put on the new self, which is being **renewed in knowledge** after the image of its creator.

*epignosis – gnosis – experiential knowledge*

**Mind (heart perception, moral, spiritual understanding) is RE-NEWED through the TRUTH of God's LOVE**

1 Jn 4:16 So we have come to **know** and to **believe** the **love** that God has **for us**. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

3. **God has One will, not Three.**

*that by testing you may discern what is the will of God*  
**Good, Acceptable, Perfect.**

**It can be proved or discerned by testing**

Not complicated: **[slide 9, 10, 11]**

1 Thess 5:16 **Rejoice** always, 17 **pray** without ceasing, 18 give **thanks** in all circumstances (everything!); for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus **for you**.

The power of LOVE is **joy!**

The source of joy is **thanksgiving**.

### **III. Whole Person Worship in Spirit & Truth**

Jn 4:23 True worshipers will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

A. The WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE

Jn 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the **way**, and the **truth**, and the **life**."

We are the hands and feet of Jesus in the current age

TRUTH sets us FREE **[slide 12]**

Jn 8:31 So Jesus said ... "If you **abide in my word**, ... 32 ... **you will know the truth**, and the **truth will set you free.**"

*ginosko – experiential knowing*

1. **TRUTH speaks in LOVE** **[slide 13]**

**Eph 4:15** Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

## **2. The WAY of Love Translates into Action**

**1 Jn 3:18** Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

## **3. The Radiant Power of Love is Joy! [slide 14]**

**Ps 16:11** You make known to me the path of life; **in your presence** there is **fullness of joy**; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## **4. The Endless Gateway to Joy is THANKSGIVING & PRAISE**

**Ps 100:4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! **[slide 15]**

## **5. The CREATOR of ALL Things Defines (TRUTH) Reality**

### **B. Boldness with Joy and Humility**

Joy and Humility are the signs of Love and Power

Truth will cost us something. It cost Jesus.

### **C. Don't Allow Evil to steal your Boldness**

- income
- image
- influence

Bonhoeffer — “Silence in the face of evil is evil itself.”

### **D. Bold Love**

**Ro 12:9** Let love be genuine. **Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.**

**10 Love** one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in **showing honor.**

**11 Do not be slothful** in zeal, **be fervent** in spirit, **serve** the Lord.

**12 Rejoice** in hope, **be patient** in tribulation, be constant in **prayer.**

14 **Bless** those who persecute you; **bles**s and **do not curse** them

### III. Impartation

Acts 4:29 And **now**, Lord, **look** upon their threats and **grant** to your servants to **continue to speak your word with all boldness**, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace; The mountains and the hills

Shall break forth into singing before you,  
And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

PRAYER — “**Catch me up in your story, all my life ..**”  
**BOLDNESS      w MERCY      POWER w LOVE**