



ROMANS 1:16

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes; first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.”



# UNASHAMED: DEAD MAN WALKING

Romans 12:1-8



VS 1

What mercy of God? As Paul has unpacked for us in his letter, the mercy of God revealed in the Cross where Christ bore the wrath of God that was due us

“Offer your body...”

Paul transitions now from what God has done to what we are to do in response

“Living sacrifices”

Completely given over. Holding nothing back. Full surrender. Daily.

Recalling the power of Christ over our mortal bodies  
6:11-14; 8:11-13

Reasonable, logical, acceptable worship -  
No longer animal sacrifices  
Heb. 9:11-12; Ps. 51:16-17

## A BARREN FIG TREE VS. 2

“Do not conform...”

A term sometimes used for a masquerade

A fig tree Matt 21:18-19

An apostle Gal 2:11-14

A warning to the ‘double minded’ man - James 1:8



How is one conformed to (pressed into the mold of) the world?

Bad input – Ps. 1:1

Bad company – 1 Cor. 15:33

Instead...

2 Cor. 10:3-5; Ps. 1:2-3; Phil 4:8

“But be transformed...”

Metamorphosis – change from the inside out

How does this happen?

Through the renewing of the mind by the Word (Ps. 1:3; Heb. 4:12) and prayer (Matt. 6:9-13)

Col. 3:1-3

## STAY HUMBLE, FRIENDS VS. 3

You were each gifted.

Foster unity, not division.

We each belong to one another.

Whatever gift you have been given, use it for God's glory, not your pride. (John 3:30)

See also 1 Cor. 12 and Eph. 4:1-13