

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

A COMPELLING COMMITMENT

ROMANS 12:1-2



The Heart of the Matter

We scaled the theological heights as we worked our way up the slopes of the first eleven chapters of Romans. During our climb, we explored the doctrines that form the foundation of our faith. All the while, we kept looking up toward the peaks of so many of the great truths that shape our beliefs. Having discovered the fundamental truths of the gospel (sin, salvation, justification, imputation, sanctification, and sovereignty) in our climb with Paul, we now turn our attention to *service*—the outworking of our faith. In other words, we shift our thinking from a vertical perspective to a horizontal one. This is no insignificant change. It requires incredibly deep soul-searching. It demands an honest investigation of our personal level of commitment. Whatever we do, we dare not miss the compelling urgency that is contained in these opening two verses of Romans 12.



Discovering the Way

1. Consecration (Romans 12:1)

Consecration is a radical separation from a secular worldview to a divine purpose and mind-set, expressed in an urgent appeal and a sacrificial act.

2. Transformation (Romans 12:2)

Transformation is a deliberate determination to think biblically and act accordingly, expressed in two commands and one will.

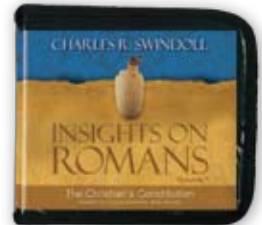


Starting Your Journey

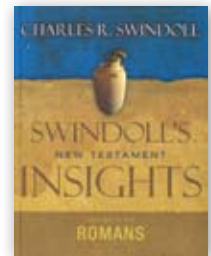
Evaluation is an honest and vulnerable appraisal of your spiritual passion, expressed in two questions. First, are you allowing the culture to dominate or weaken any area in regard to your body? Second, are you permitting this age to dull or shape your thinking in regard to your mind?



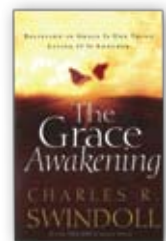
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