

## BY FAITH, BE A LIVING SACRIFICE

### ROMANS 12:9-13

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: You not only become born again (a Christian) by faith. You live your life (a living sacrifice) by faith. Read **Romans 12:1-3**.

**CHRIST'S LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION.** Christ demonstrated His love by dying on the cross for you. He poured His love into you by the Holy Spirit. You now, by faith, are enabled to live a life of Christ's love in all situations. (**Romans 12:9, 10, fn 12:9, 10, fn 12:10, Romans 5:1-8, fn 5:2-5, fn 5:5, 6, I Corinthians 13:1-13, fn 13:13, I John 4:12-21, fn 4:12[2<sup>nd</sup>], fn 4:19**) *How is Christ's love foundational for you to be a living sacrifice?*

**SHARED ENTHUSIASM IS THE KEY.** "Paul views the Spirit as the agent who creates enthusiasm within us for the things of the Lord...(However) we need to allow the Spirit to inflame our passions for Christ, his will, and his people." Douglas J. Moo, Encountering the Book of Romans, p. 166. (**Romans 12:11, II Corinthians 9:24-27, fn 9:24-27, Jude 20, 21, Philippians 3:10-14, fn 3:12-14, Ephesians 5:18**) *How could you share daily the enthusiasm produced by the Holy Spirit?*

**YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT LIMIT GOD.** By faith, you have a personal relationship with Jesus. By faith, you are a living sacrifice. This enables you to live with confidence in God in any circumstance you encounter. (**Romans 12:12, 13, fn 12:13, Hebrews 6:17-20, fn 6:18, 19, Hebrews 10:32-36, fn 10:32-36, II Corinthians 8:1-15, fn 8:7, 8**) *How are the needs of your brothers and sisters in the Lord also your needs?*

*Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.*

