

1 December 2013: Preached by Preacher Clement Chew

Topic: **The Marks of True Spiritual Service**

Scripture Text: Romans 12:1-2

1. A person can be involved in spiritual activity but it may not be done in true spiritual service pleasing and acceptable to God. For example, a person can read the Bible but if it is read in unbelief, then it is not true spiritual service at all.

2. The first mark of true spiritual service is that it can only be rendered by born again believers. True spiritual service can only be rendered by spiritual people. In Rom 12:1, it was addressed to brethren who are brothers and sisters in Christ saved by the mercies of God.

3. The Apostle Paul used the word "beseech" rather than a command to exhort the believers to offer true spiritual service from their heart of gratitude to God. This is the privilege for believers to serve God which is reasonable and logical.

4. The second mark of true spiritual service is that the service must be God-honouring. A believer must offer their bodies a living sacrifice which means a total surrender of everything to God. The service to God must be in holiness, and not stained with sin. This is then well pleasing and acceptable to God.

5. The third mark of true spiritual service is that it must be Word-based and not World-based. We must not be conformed to this world to follow the fashion of the world. Instead, we must be transformed by God through His Word. With the Word of God, we can prove what is good, acceptable and perfect will of God.