*Wednesday, December 5, 2012*

**Daily Bread for Life**

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. KJV

Strong’s definition for ‘present’:

NT:3936 paristemi (par-is'-tay-mee); or prolonged paristano (par-is-tan'-o); from NT:3844 and NT:2476; to stand beside, i.e. (transitively) to exhibit, proffer, (specifically) recommend, (figuratively) substantiate; or (intransitively) to be at hand (or ready), aid: KJV - assist, bring before, command, commend, give presently, present, prove, provide, shew, stand (before, by, here, up, with), yield.

Thayer’s definition for ‘present’:

NT:3936 paristeemi; paristanoo

1. The present, imperfect, future and 1 aorist active have a transitive sense

a. to place beside or near (para, IV. 1); to set at hand; to present; to proffer; to provide: kteenee, Acts 23:24

b. to present (show) by argument, to prove: ti, Acts 24:13

2. to stand beside, stand by or near, to be at hand, be present

a. universally, to stand by: tini, to stand beside one, Acts 1:10

b. to appear: with a predicate nominative followed by enoopion tinos, Acts 4:10

c. to be at hand, stand ready: used of assailants, absolutely, Acts 4:26

d. to stand by to help, to succor Rom 16:2

e. to be present; to have come: of time, Mark 4:29

Dearly loved, there are many distractions out there in the world, so press to keep your mind present with the Lord, watching with all prayer and supplication for the brethren; and be willing to lay down your life to be present with them in Spirit and in truth holding them up that they too may be victorious over this present evil world and be present with the Lord. Give and it shall be given unto you; do unto others as the Lord did for you.

God bless and have a very blessed and prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.