

Do Not Be Conformed to The World

Scripture Text: Romans 12:1-2

Romans 12:1

- begins with an urge [call to one's side]
- Living sacrifice – more meaningful to 1stC Christian
- Present: to place beside
- Your bodies: not an animal sacrifice
- Living: OT sacrifices were dead
- Holy: set apart
- Sacrifice: OT rendered obsolete by Christ's sacrifice
- Acceptable to God: well pleasing, approved
- Reasonable: for all God has done for us

Goal: to dissect Romans 12:2 and see how God commands us to live.

1. Be Not Conformed to This World

- A. Conformed in Greek means to follow the pattern.
 1. Following a shirt pattern from McCall's will always make a shirt.
 2. Jesus Christ is our pattern – 1 Peter 2:21
 3. Too many people are using the wrong pattern for their lives!
- B. Followers of God have always called to be different than those around them.
 1. Old Testament: Dietary restrictions (Lev. 11), marriage laws (Deut. 7:3), etc.
 2. New Testament: peculiar people (1 Peter 2:9, Titus 2:14)
 3. We are to live in the world, but not live a worldly life! 1 John 2:15-17

2. Be Ye Transformed

- A. How is this accomplished?
 1. Transformed: Greek: μεταμορφοῦσθε (metamorphousthe)

2. A complete change – 2 Cor. 5:17 – new creature, butterfly
- B. We must renew our minds!
1. By first becoming a Christian.
 2. By making a daily choice to follow Christ – Matt. 16:24, Luke 9:23
 3. By growing as a Christian – 2 Peter 3:18 in Study – 2 Tim. 2:15, Prayer – 1 Thess. 5:17, Service – Gal. 5:13, Obedience – John 14:15, Luke 6:46
- C. If we keep Christ hanging in agony on the cross in view, Col. 3:2, it becomes a lot harder to commit sin.

3. That Ye May Prove

- A. Greek: be able to discern (2 Tim. 2:15)
- B. Good – “God is So Good.” “God is good all the time...”
- C. Pleasing – only certain Old Testament sacrifices were pleasing to God; NT we offer our worship, Heb. 13:16, as a sweet-smelling savor. (Cf. Rom. 12:1 living)
- D. Perfect – 2 Tim. 3:16-17 – God’s Word makes us perfect

“If we do Rom. 12:1-2, we will have little difficulty doing Rom. 12:3-16:27.” David L. Roper

It will be easier to:

1. “Christian Living – Part 1” Rom. 12:3-21: Attitude toward God (1-2); Brethren (3-13); Enemies (14-21)
2. “Christian Living – Part 2” Rom. 13: Attitude toward Government (1-7); Neighbors (8-10)
3. “Accepting One Another” Rom. 14 & 15: in Liberty (14:1-12); Love (13-18); Peace (19-23); Unity (15:1-13)
4. “Working with Brethren” Rom. 15 & 16: to Gentiles (15:14-33); Coworkers (16:1-27)

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