

Happiness vs. Holiness
"Sanctification of the Mind"
Romans 12:1-2

I. **W** _____ (v. 1)

- a. Everything we do with the right heart (gratitude), and for the right reason (the glory of God), is worship (cf. 1 Cor. 10:31)
- b. **Therefore** is the turning point in Romans from HOW the Gospel saves us to WHAT our new lives in Christ should look like
- c. Like our salvation, even our worship comes from the **mercies of God**
- d. Paul uses a lot of Old Testament worship language:
 - i. **present** (*paristēmi* / **παρίστημι**) = priests "offering" sacrificial animals on the altar (cf. Lev. 16:7, 10)
 - ii. **sacrifice** (*thusia* / **θυσία**) = "to kill" or "to slaughter"
 - iii. **worship** (*latreia* / **λατρεία**) = "ministry, service to God" (cf. John 16:2; Rom. 9:4; Heb 9:1, 6)
 - iv. **acceptable** (*euairestos* / **εὐαίρεστος**) = "to please" or "blameless" (cf. Gen. 6:9; 17:1; Deut. 18:13; Job 1:1; Rom. 14:18; 2 Cor. 5:9; Eph. 5:10; Phil. 4:18; Col. 3:20; Titus 2:9; Heb. 12:28; 13:21; James 1:27)
- e. Our worship is characterized by a sacrifice of our bodies; the way we live, act, and think (cf. Rom. 6:12-13; 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- f. We are to Holy Worshipers, set apart from the world for God's service! (1 Peter 2:9; cf. Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37-39; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:25-28; Phil. 1:20-21; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; 1 Peter 2:5)

II. **T** _____ (v. 2)

a. **Do Not Be Conformed to the World!**

- i. **Conformed** (*syschēmatizomai* / **συσχηματίζομαι**) means to "be conformed to a pattern or mold" (1 Peter 1:15-16; cf. Lev. 19:2; James 4:4)
- ii. The world is always trying to press us into its twisted image where black is white, up is down, and evil is good

b. **Be Transformed into the Image of Jesus!**

- i. **metamorphoō** (**μεταμορφόω**), which means "to transform the essential nature of something" (cf. Matt. 17:2; Mark 9:2)
- ii. It is NOT superficial but instead a radical heart change (cf. 2 Pet. 1:3-4; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:13)
- iii. It is NOT an immediate one-time event but instead an ongoing process of God chiseling away the remnants of the world in our heart and our lives. (cf. 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 5:18)
- iv. It can only be accomplished **by the renewing of your mind** (cf. Eph. 5:6-19; Col. 2:8-9)
 1. This can only be done by filling our minds with God's Holy Word, illuminated by His Holy Spirit
 2. **filled with the Spirit = the word of Christ richly dwell within you** (Eph. 5:6-19 & Col. 3:16; cf. Ps 119:11; Eph. 4:13, 17-24; Col. 3:1-11; Titus 3:5)
 3. It is a transformation so complete that we not only are able to refrain from sinning, but we no longer desire the sin.