

# Romans 12:2

## Be Transformed

### 1. 12:2 – Be Not Conformed

- a. *“be not conformed”* - Speaking of our bodies, appearance, action, form, life, conversation.
- b. Bad advice to youth groups → buck tradition, authority, church, norms, be different, no.
- c. Youth don't have to be big children, disengaged, pursuant of the world, coddled
- d. Youth had jobs, families, killed giants, were examples, courageous, ready to die, teachers, well reported of, patterns of good works, faithful workmen – 1 Tim 4:12, 2 Tim 3:15, 4:2
- e. If youth are uninterested in godliness, it's not their age, it's flesh / faith – Rom 8:5

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### 2. To This World

- a. *“to this world”* – Wrongly understood by the young as well-presented, polite, wise, society
- b. Before nonconforming you must know the form – 2 Cor 4:4, 1 John 2:15-17
- c. Course of the world: follow your heart, free spirit, just do what you want/feel, its your life.
- d. If the shoe fits, you are conformed to the world Psa 10:3, Jer 17:9, Pro 25:28, Eph 2:3, 4:17
- e. It is wrong to believe the gospel, receive God's grace, and be conformed to the world.
- f. Nonconformity to the world is conforming to Christ (all of us) - Rom 8:29, 2 Cor 3:18

### 3. Be Transformed

- a. *“be ye transformed”* – Paul is talking to saved people, this is not regeneration/justification
- b. Every saved person is justified, regenerated, given riches of grace, Spirit, heavenly seat.
- c. Not every saved person lets the truth of who they are change their life/conversation.
- d. Paul is saying to change your form, let your manner/life/appearance be changed. Phi 2:5-7
- e. This is the beginning of ministry, which only happens when it first changes you. 1Th 2:13
- f. We know no man after the flesh, but we can know good ministers – 2 Cor 5:16-20, 6:1-4

### 4. Renewing of Your Mind

- a. Letting God's word transform you is hard when your flesh, heart, mind do not want to be.
- b. Want to be transformed, produce good behavior, faithful men, ministers: renew the mind.
- c. *“renewing of your mind”* - It begins by belief sound doctrine -1Th 2:13, Col 1:9,2:6,3:10, 16
- d. Christ teaches us (through what he revealed to Paul by the Spirit) - Eph 4:23, 2Tim 1:13, 2:2

### 5. Proving the Will of God

- a. *“that ye may prove”* – Again, it is about you showing it, producing it, working it out.
- b. Prove ~def. To show by the result; to be found true by observed experience.
- c. Not “by testing discerning what is” or “learning what is” as if God's will is unknown.
- d. God's will already revealed, and should be known by now - 1Tim 2:4, Eph 1:9, 5:17, 1Th 4:3
- e. *“and perfect”* - not the sanctified ignorance of “God's perfect plan for my life” (Jer 29:11)
- f. *Good* b/c it is of God; *acceptable* to God; and *perfect* b/c it is complete in God (you wholly)
- g. Your body purchased for presentation to the Lord, to prove and perform God's will. Eph 5
- h. God's will works. It is purposed to work in you, if you let it, w/ears to hear the word of God