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A Series on the DNA of our Church Family

6 – Transformation: Our Watchword

Romans 12.1-2

Mercy leads to sacrifice (v.1)

- The stunning mercies of God
 - “Therefore” – 1) All under sin because of the bad trade 2) Religious people are under sin too 3) All of us are in need of a Savior 4) Salvation is by faith alone 5) We have peace with God 6) We are alive in Christ 7) Imperfect life is still life in Christ 8) We have security beyond belief 9) God’s mercy is without merit 10) God’s mercy is available to all 11) God’s mercy (to Jews and Gentiles) is to God’s glory
 - Religion: I messed up and my dad is going to kill me
 - Christianity: I messed up and I gotta tell my dad
- The stunning appeal for God
 - The appeal only makes sense if the mercies are real
 - Committed and consecrated: the entirety of your life looks like worship
 - There is not place untouched or untouchable – all is by mercy and my response is a posture of worship

Sacrifice leads to transformation (v.2)

- Genuine change from the inside out – “renewal of mind” – metamorphosis
 - Not external conformity to external pressures or internal temptations
- Three Classic Temptations
 1. Transformed ≠ Conformed (Cartoon: Love is how I read the Bible, UMC issues)
 2. Settling for being a good person
 3. Trying to live with both
- Place my yes next to God’s Word
 - Doesn’t validate it or enhance it but is my response to authority and truth of Bible

What would this look like?

- Transformed self-worth (v.3)
- Transformed resources (v.4-8)
- Transformed relationships (v.9-16)
- Transformed perspective (v.17-20)