### **Jesus Transforms**

Romans 12:2 (AMP) - <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed *and* progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

Philippians 1:21 - "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

# C.S. Lewis - "There is no neutral ground in the universe. Every square inch, every split second is claimed by God, and counterclaimed by Satan."

#### I. The transformed mind is grateful.

Romans 11:36 (NIV) - For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 12:1 (NIV) - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

#### II. The transformed mind is secure.

Romans 8:14-17 (NLT) - 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. 17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory.

# Rick Godwin - Insecurities will destroy you, while real confidence will take you to a lever very few attain.

Romans 8:5-8 (NIV) - 5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:9-10 (NIV) - 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in

you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

## III. The transformed mind knows how to battle.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV) - 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV) - 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Philippians 4:7-8 (NIV) - 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or

praiseworthy-think about such things.

## **IV.** The transformed mind loves others.

Romans 13:8 (NASB) - Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for the one who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the Law.

Romans 12:9-16, 21(NIV) - Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## V. The transformed mind is alert.

Romans 13:11-12 - And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:13-14 - 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Romans 16:20 - The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.