

Your Only Reasonable Response to the Gospel (Pt. 4)

Romans 12:1-2

- I. The Grounds for a Life of Total Commitment to God (1a)
- II. The Demonstration of a Life of Total Commitment to God (1b-2)
 - A. Present your Body to God (1b).
 - B. Present your Mind to God (2)
 1. Reject the Thinking of Our Age (2a)
 2. Embrace the Will of God (2b)
 - a. The Command – "Be transformed"
 - b. The Means – "By the renewing of your mind"
 - The Spirit uses the Scripture we learn and apply to renew our minds (Eph. 4:23).
 - The Spirit uses what we learn about Christ to transform us to His image (2 Cor. 3:18).
 - c. The Result – "so that you may prove what the will of God is ... good and acceptable and perfect"

The Implications

1. How you think is a test of whether you're a Christian.
2. The only way you can keep from being conformed to the thinking of this age is to embrace God's will.
3. The Holy Spirit alone can renew your mind.
4. The renewal of your mind with Scripture is absolutely crucial in the process of progressive sanctification.
5. Your mind is renewed by learning, understanding, and applying God's revealed will in Scripture.
6. Our primary roles in this renewal are...
 - A consistent exposure to God's Word
 - A genuine effort to obey