

FOUR AREAS OF TRANSFORMATION

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect to God.

I. God did not save the believer from their sins to leave them as they are:

A. “do not be conformed to this world”

1. **Def conformed:** fashion like, conform to same pattern

a. once saved we are not to live the same lifestyle as before ... which was of sin & yielding to the lusts of the flesh

B. The Lord expects us to go thru a life long TRANSFORMATION:

1. **Def Transformed:** change

a. the word comes from the Greek Word: metamorphoo ... or our English metamorphose

2. This illustration can be seen in the life of a **butterfly**

a. when first born it is a caterpillar / worm but then goes into a cocoon & experiences metamorphose / change and comes out a butterfly

3. Every believer is to go thru a spiritual metamorphose / change / transform

a. when we first get Born Again we are carnal minded & spiritually immature

b. walking after the lusts of the flesh

c. possibly bound by ungodly habits & various forms of sin

C. But thru the Power of The Holy Spirit Transformation / change is to take our life

1. Gal 4:19 describes the change / transformation every believer is to go thru

“My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until **Christ is formed in you,**”

a. **Def Change:** metamorphoo:

b. We go thru this life long transformation until: “**Christ is formed in you**

(1) In other words when people look at the life of the believer, they should see Jesus ... they should see someone consistently living a godly life ...

(2) The Apostle John said: 1 John 4:17 “**because as He (Jesus) is, so are we in this world.**”

(a) not when we some day die & go to heaven by now “**in this world** are to be like Jesus

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II. The first area where we must experience a transformation in our life, in order to Live a godly life & be like Jesus is in our mind:

A. Rom 12: 2 Rom 12:2 “be transformed (changed) by the **renewing of your mind**”

1. Amp Trans: Rom 12:2 “renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], ..”

a. If our thinking, mindset, attitudes do not change by going thru a transformation renewing from a **world view to a biblical view** :

(1) our life will not change

2. Our thinking, the decisions we make, the things we do, the life we live as a Christian: must be backed up with a biblical view

a. if not, we will keep a world view and remain “conformed to this world” fashioned like this world, our life will be patterned after this world according to Rom 12:2

(1) instead of that of the Kingdom of God

B. **This transformation can only take place one way:**

1. Rom 12:2 “By the renewing of your mind”

a. Our mind is not renewed when:

(1) we sing, or pray

b. But when we study, read & meditate on scripture Transformation taking place in our thinking Leading to transformation taking place in our minds

(1) Prov 23:7 “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he”

(a) **Def Heart:** actually speaking of our “soul” / mind

(b) Do we think / have a biblical view about the issues of life?

(c) Or, do we have a worldly view of the issues of life?

(1) depends upon our personal commitment to the time we spend in G
 2. 2 Cor 3:18 “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the
 the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory
 by the Spirit of the Lord.”

a. “**Beholding as in a mirror the glory of The Lord**”

(1) That mirror is the bible / word of God

b. look what takes place in our lives when we behold the mirror / Word c

(1) “**are transformed** into the same image from glory to glory”

(a) Our life begins to look like Jesus

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(b) The words we speak are filled life due to speaking scripture

© the life we live is holy

© our thoughts are godly

(1) Phil 2:5 “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”

(2) 1 Cor 2:16 “But we have the mind of Christ.”

(a) having the mind of Christ is not automatic

(b) but it can be obtained as our thinking is transformed, mind renew

Thru the power of the Word of God

C. Once we begin the lifelong process of renewing our mind:

1. we will go from walking in the flesh to walking in the Spirit Gal 5:16&

2 we will go from being carnal minded to being spirit minded

a. Rom 8:6 “For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded
 and peace”

(1) Spirit minded = **life**: Def zoe / the God kind of life

(2) Spirit minded = peace ... peace in your life, home, mind etc

II. Second area our life must be transformed if we desire to be like Jesus:

PHYSICAL BODIES: ... by the life we live in these physical bodies

A. 1 Cor 6:20 “For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify God in you**

1. Before we were saved, the life we lived glorified the devil

a. Once Born Again, the life we live in our physical bodies are to glorify

2. When you were Born Again, “you were bought with a price” ... Blood
- a. That means you are not your own, you are the property of God
- (1) 1 Cor 6:19 “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not you
- (a) don’t live a carnal, or a life of sin & grieve the Holy Spirit who dw
Inside of you Eph 4:30
- (b) live for Jesus and be a vessel of God that produces the Fruit of The Spirit:
- (1) Gal 5:22-23 “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

B. Rom 12:1 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

1. What is the reasonable service unto God by the believer?

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- a. what is the least thing expected by God of every believer?
- (1) “present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God”
- (a) Compares the life we live in our bodies as a living sacrifice
- (1) as you study the Word of God, you will discover that God does not accept every sacrifice, nor just any kind of sacrifice
- (a) Gen 4:5 God rejected Cain’s sacrifice
- (b) Lev 10:1&2 God rejected sacrifice of Aaron’s sons & called it: st
- © Mal 2:8 God rejected the half hearted sacrifices of Israel
- (d) When new place our lives on the altar as a “Living Sacrifice” will
Accept of sacrifice unto Him
- (2) Key: God only accepts **HOLY sacrifices**
- (a) 1 Peter 1:15 “but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in your conduct,
16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

III. The third area of our life that we must experience TRANSFORMATION my be like Jesus is: **SOCIALLY**

- A. 2 Peter 2:7 “righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the
8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his
soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)
1. The longer Lot hung out & fellowshiped with the people in his day who
in darkness & lived in sin ... the more he kept seeing & hearing their lawless
deeds & filthy conduct
 - a. that righteous man of God became tormented, vexed, influenced by the
 - (1) Lot was not sitting at the gates of the city, ministering, witnessing ..
 - (2) he was just hanging out / fellowshiping with the ungodly
 2. This compromised life style cost him:
 - a. He lost his wife, as she was turned into a Pillar of Salt, because she could
help by set her eye back on Sodom & Gomorrah, where her heart was
 - b. his daughters got him drunk & he committed incest Gen 19
- © If you study Lot’s life you will discover that Abraham had to constantly
Intercede for him (Gen 18) & come to his rescue because of his love for
with the ungodly (Gen 14)
- (1) and it is no different for the believer today who does not make Jesus
The social aspect of their life

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(a) as they live a compromised life style with the world, their lives are
In a crisis

- B. The Apostle Paul was dealing with the Corinthian believers who had failed
Mature spiritually, & were living in sin, carnality & compromise with the
1. So He refers them back to scripture when God was attempting to teach them
Of Israel these same spiritual principles when they left their life in Egypt
Behind... Paul quotes an Old Testament Scripture to them in:
- a. 2 Cor 6:16-18

"I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they

Be My people."

17 Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord
18 'I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters,
Says the Lord Almighty."

3. **We must follow the example of Jesus:**

- a. He was called the friend of sinners, dined & ate with publicans / Matt
 - (1) But he did not allow this social group to conform him
 - (2) rather He seized these opportunities to ministered to them, witness
preached the word of God to them.
 - (a) and we must learn to do the same

C. Nothing impacts society more than **FAMILY**:

1. The family has been under attack by the powers of darkness & ungodly
 - a. Attempting to redefine what a family really is
 - b. Attempting to redefine what marriage is
 - (1) Allow me to present to you a **Biblical view of family**:
 - (a) Gen 1:27 "So God created man in His own image; in the image of
created him; male and female He created them.
28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be
and multiply;
 - (2) Believers can not sit silent on this subject:
 - (a) Be it among our family, friends, or politics
2. Biblical view of marriage is found in:
 - a. Gen 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the
of all living.
 - (1) Note: it was not Adam & Steve but Adam & Eve

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IV. Fourth area where we must experience TRANSFORMATION, so we may

Like Jesus is: **POLITICALLY**

A. Just as these other areas of our life, our POLITICAL VIEWS must go th

TRANSFORMATION once we are saved.

1. The mistake many Christians make is they allow their allegiance to ren
Political party
 - a. instead of The Lord Jesus Christ

- B. To many Christians are not looking to “Almighty God” for their freedom
And source of their needs being met
 1. mistakenly they look to Political Parties & Elected Officials
 2. Instead of Looking to The Lamb of God: Jesus Christ
 - a. Our freedom does not come from Republicans or Democrats
 - b. Our Freedom does not come from the Elephant or the Donkey
 - c. Our freedom comes from the Lamb who is on the throne
 - (1) John 8:36 “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed”
 3. Our Political view must go from the agenda of the Elephant or Donkey
 - a. to the Agenda of The Lamb
 4. The **Agenda of The Lamb** is based upon the principles of The Word of God
 - a. and it’s purpose is to expand the Kingdom of God in the hearts of all
 - b. The Kingdom of God is not based upon a Political Group:
 - (1) it is not democrats, Republicans, Independents
 - (2) it is not red states, or blue states
 - (3) Rom 14:17 “the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit”
 5. The Agenda of the Lamb is the all encompassing transforming power of the **CROSS** of Our Lord Jesus Christ:
 - a. in every culture, every country, every people group, & every political system
 - b. **Vertically** The Cross of Jesus Christ:
 - (1) is where we stand connected to God, His Kingdom, eternal life, spiritual gifts, divine truths, divine principles, and glory
 - c. **Horizontally** The Cross of Jesus Christ:
 - (1) is where we are connected to relationships, family, culture & society
 - d. The Cross of Jesus Christ is both Vertical & Horizontal, redemptive & transformative

relational, holiness & humility, covenant & community, Kingdom & righteousness & justice, salvation & transformation

- (1) But, the Cross & the Agenda of the Lamb is not politically correct
6. The Nexus of the Cross ... that center point of the Cross is where:
- a. faith meets action
 - b. righteousness meets justice
 - c. prophetic interests intersect with the practical
7. The Agenda of The Lamb unfolding upon the earth, can only unfold w
- a. Christ centered, bible believing church leads the way
 - b. But a lukewarm sin tolerant church will lack the spiritual authority to truth combined with the power of God
8. You might ask, what does that have to do with Politics?
- a. Prov 29:2 “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked man rules, the people groan”
- (1) America is groaning because of ungodly leaders in position in our
- (2) and what is sad is the church help put them there because:
- (a) instead of having the Agenda of The Lamb as their priority in the Political views
 - (b) they have the Agenda of the Elephant or the Donkey in their head
- © when our politics must be an extension of our Christian worldview
- (3) As Born Again Christians, our vote does not belong to a political
- (a) Rather: we should be looking for candidates who are godly
- (1) who at least have good morals
 - (2) and the issues they stand for line up with scripture / Agenda of Lamb
- (a) issues like: abortion, same sex marriage, defense of Israel, etc

IV. Abraham & his son Isaac climbed the mountain with his son to offer a sacrifice unto God:

A. Then Isaac asks his father Abraham a question:

1. Gen 22:7 “Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but **where is the**
- a. **Where is the Lamb in your life**, so He may bring transformation into lives?
- (1) Where is The Lamb in your thinking? Do you have a biblical view
 - (2) Where is The Lamb in the life you live thru your physical body
 - (3) Where is The Lamb in your life socially? Are you salt & light?

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(4) Where is The Lamb in your political Agenda?

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