

## Transformed -NOT- Conformed ~ Romans 12:2

### INTRODUCTION

In view of your Sin, God's Salvation, your Sanctification, God's Sovereignty, it really is a spiritually Reasonable thing for you to OFFER YOURSELF to Him a Living Sacrifice. Expositors

12:1 I urge you, brothers, in view of God's MERCY, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.

### Don't be SQUEEZED by the World ~ Romans 12:2 C. Ingram

<sup>2</sup> Do not CONFORM any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.

This WORLD SYSTEM is designed to woo your heart away from God, destroy your relationships with others, and lead you into sin that brings condemnation to your heart and broken fellowship with your heavenly Father. Ingram

Stop allowing yourselves to be MOLDED by the influences and pressures of this present world system. Stop allowing Satan to dupe you, con you, trick you, promise you life and love and power through a seductive world system that will only deliver disappointment, defeat, depression, and make you a slave to sin. Ingram

### IMPLICATIONS

Do not be CONFORMED to this world... (ESV) Don't let the world around you SQUEEZE you into its OWN mold... (JBP)

#### We Allow the World to SQUEEZE us when we Give in to...



➤ of being in Control

➤ Believing that what is is

**2 Cor. 4:18** (NIV) So we fix our eyes NOT on what is SEEN, but on what is UNSEEN. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is ETERNAL.



➤ Going with the

**1 Peter 1:14** (NIV) As obedient children, do **NOT CONFORM** to the **evil desires** you had when you lived in ignorance.

#### Don't Let Evil Desires SHAPE

➤ how you

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**James 4:4** (NIV) You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is HATRED toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

**1 John 2:15-17** (NLT) <sup>15</sup> Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.

<sup>16</sup> For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are NOT from the Father, but are from this world.

<sup>17</sup> And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave...

If Satan is the god of this world, and if the whole world lies in his power, then the Believer must RESIST the pressure to CONFORM morally, intellectually, emotionally, and externally - to Satan's schemes for life. HNTC

### Be TRANSFORMED by Being RENEWED ~ Romans 12:2 C. Ingram

<sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be TRANSFORMED by the RENEWING of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Allow God to completely change your inward thinking and outward behavior by cooperating wholeheartedly moment by moment with the Holy Spirit's renewing process. Ingram

Our minds must be renewed in knowledge according to the image of God, not the age in which Satan rules. HNTC

## IMPLICATIONS

→ We are in the process of being **CONFORMED** to the world -OR- being **TRANSFORMED** by God

**Renewing our MINDS...** Ingram

- is a Call to Everyday AS a Living Sacrifice  
**Rom. 12:1** (NIV) ...I urge you, brothers, in view of God's MERCY, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.
- will Always involve a  
**2 Cor. 10:5** (NIV) ...we take CAPTIVE every thought to make it OBEDIENT to Christ.
- is a of the Holy Spirit  
**Philip. 2:12-13** (NLT) ...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, OBEYING God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working IN you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.
- is always about our with Jesus  
**1 John 1:7** (NIV) But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

**Through God's WORD our MINDS are...**

- > - we learn about God and ourselves -THEN-
- > - as we Learn to Obey God's Word and Surrender our lives to Jesus everyday

**Hebrews 4:12** (NIV) For the WORD of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; IT judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

## PROVING God's GOOD Will ~ Romans 12:2 C. Ingram

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God's WILL is what is good, what is pleasing to God, AND what is perfect for each believer. LABC

Believers who are being transformed, who seek to do God's WILL, also discover that what God plans for them is good, pleasing to God, and perfect for them. LABC

## IMPLICATIONS

**God's Will =** **My Will =**

God's WILL is exactly what you would choose if you knew all the facts. B. Thrasher

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**Knowing God's Will Requires a...** McDonald

- life
- life
- life

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! - Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after Thy will, - While I am waiting, yielded and still.

When a person chooses to SACRIFICE his or her own preferences and desires and chooses to do the WILL of God instead, that is choosing to be a living sacrifice... HNTC

## TAKE AWAY ??

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- Do not be** - by copying the behavior and customs of this world
- Be** - by letting God change your thinking through His Word

**God's Will** - by learning what God's Will IS for you