

RSVP *Romans 12:2*

RSVP is used on wedding invitations; it's French: *repondez s'il vous plait* meaning, " _____ if you please"

Romans 12:1 is active and summarizes how we respond to God's mercies with our _____

Romans 12:2 is passive and summarizes how we respond to God's mercies with our _____

I. WE RSVP BY NOT BEING CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD

A. "Do Not Be Conformed"

1) The verb is present passive: it indicates that we are being continually acted upon by the _____

2) Phillips translation: "Do not be pushed into the _____ of this world," like machines that crush cars

B. "To This World"

1) Not the common word for "world" used by John which is _____ in the original language

2) Rather, Paul uses the word in Rom.12:2 which is normally translated _____ throughout the NT

3) This age is the mindset that says all that matters happens between _____ and _____

II. WE RSVP TO GOD BY BEING TRANSFORMED

A. "Transformed" is actually better translated _____ and is used of Jesus in Matt. and Mark

B. "Transformed" is *metamorphoo* in the original, from which we get our English _____

1) Used of the external appearance of a caterpillar becoming what it truly is within, a _____

2) Used of Jesus when He was transfigured: His outward appearance revealed the glory of His _____

3) We are transformed when we become _____ what we truly are inside because of our salvation

C. How are we transformed/transfigured? By the renewing of our minds explained in 2 Cor. _____

We use the Bible like a _____ to magnify the glory of the Lord and become like Him

III. OUR RSVP RESULTS IN TESTING AND PROVING GOD'S WILL

A. "Test" = test to see if something is _____ or to see whether you approve it or not

1) Every believer must go into the laboratory of life and _____ with the will of God.

2) Every believer tests the will of God by _____ it; much in life, we must learn by doing

B. "Prove"

1) "Good": a) God wants us to prove to ourselves in the details of our lives that His will is for our _____

b) Do you believe that how God has led in your _____ is for your best?

2) "Acceptable": a) God wants us to prove that His will is well-pleasing, not to God, but to _____

b) Can you look back on your life and say that your life has not been a _____ but was worth it all

3) "Perfect": a) God wants us to prove by experience that our lives have a sense of _____

b) As a living sacrifice, you will have a sense that you are part of something _____ than yourself

CONC: *Sometimes we take tests or examinations to prove what we have learned, what we have _____*

If we cannot believe that God's will, as it has worked out in our lives, is good, acceptable and perfect, what

does it prove? _____