

DO NOT BE CONFORMED (Romans 12:2a)

I. THE EXHORTATION OF GRACE (12:1)

- A. The **APPEAL** of Grace ... "I _____ you."
- B. The **APPLICATIONS** of Grace ... " _____ "
- C. The **AUDIENCE** of Grace is "I beseech you therefore _____" in reference only to believers in Christ and the family of God.
- D. The **APPROACH** of Grace ... "by the _____."
- E. The **AIM** of Grace ... "that you _____ your _____ a _____."

II. THE ELEMENTS OF THE EXHORTATION (12:1c -2) In light of the tremendous mercies of God toward you in past justification by grace, present sanctification by grace, and future glorification by grace ...

- A. **PRESENT YOUR BODY TO GOD as a living sacrifice ... reasonable service.** This is an appeal to true spirituality and spiritual worship because of a logical and volitional response to the mercies of God.
- B. **DO NOT BE CONFORMED to this WORLD ... "And do not be conformed to this world ..."**
 - 1. The word _____ ties verses 1 and 2 together as a continued thought. This introduces an appeal to spiritual transformation instead of worldly conformity.
 - 2. **Analyzing this phrase:**
 - a. **What is God prohibiting? "do not be _____ (suschematizo)" –**
 - 1) Present tense -
 - 2) Passive voice -
 - 3) Imperative mood –
 - Point to remember: You are in a spiritual battle and there are worldly forces actively seeking to _____ you to their patterns, perspectives, and pursuits. God is commanding you to _____ allow this to occur.
 - b. **What are we not to be conformed to? "to this _____ (aion)"**
 - What does "age" refer to"? It refers to this age in _____ with its standards, perspectives, pleasures, pursuits, moral environment, beliefs, life-styles, etc.

***** 10 TRUTHS ABOUT THIS *PRESENT AGE* *****

- 1) The period of time and spiritual environment we live in is consider the _____ age (1 Tim. 6:17; Tit.2:12), and is described by God as _____, filled with HVP, Satan’s wiles, moral pollution, rebellion toward God, arrogance, etc. (Gal. 1:4-5) Do you recognize this age as inherently evil?
- 2) Jesus Christ “gave Himself for our sins, that He might _____ us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. (Gal 1:4) Whom should you glorify because of this?
- 3) The god of this evil present age is _____. (2 Cor. 4:3-5) Do you grasp who you are dealing with?
- 4) Satan uses _____ and _____ to deceive people from the truth. (1 Cor. 1:20, 2:6-8; Col. 2:8) What are some of his human wisdom lies of this day? There is ...
 - _____ - this philosophy is rooted in the rejection of God and the belief in human potential to be the savior of mankind and the planet. (Gen.1:1; Rom.1:20)
 - _____ - the rejection of the creation of the universe & mankind by the Creator replaced by the belief in evolutionary processes through random chance and accident over billions of years.
 - _____ - the rejection of moral absolutes individually or collectively, replaced by the thinking, “All truth is relative, as well as right from wrong.” (John 8:30-32)
 - What should we be willing to become in the world’s eyes to become truly wise? (1Cor. 3:18; 2:14-15) Are you?
- 5) Prior to having been saved by God’s grace, you “walked according to the _____ of this _____ with its worldly norms and standards (Eph. 2:2), but God in the _____ is going to place you on display to magnify what His grace has done for you. (Eph. 2:7)
- 6) In the meantime, you can grow in grace and become fruitful for Jesus Christ or you fail to become or remain fruitful in your Christian life like the soil 3 believer by allowing “the _____ of this world , the _____ of riches, and the _____ for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.” (Mark 4:19)
- 7) Jesus Christ will _____ at the end of the age (Matt. 24:3) to execute _____ upon the unsaved and to set up His Kingdom on Earth. (Matt. 13:38-43)
- 8) We are instructed in this present age to fulfill the _____ of our Lord, and He promises to be with us to direct & enable us to do His will “even to the _____ of the age”. (Matt. 28:16-20)
- 9) As a believer in Christ, you no longer need to be _____ to this age, though it does not happen by accident or necessarily for all believers. (Rom.12:2; 2 Tim. 4:10)
- 10) The grace of God that has brought us salvation is now is seeking to teach us “to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts” and that “we should live soberly, righteously, and godly _____, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. (Tit. 2:11-14)