

ARE YOU BEING TRANSFORMED? Pt. 2
(12 Principles for Spiritual Transformation in Your Life)
Romans 12:2b

I. THE EXHORTATION OF GRACE (12:1)

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." (12:1)

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" (12:2a) This is a command to not be conformed to the standards, values, philosophies, purposes, pursuits, etc. of the age or period of time you live in.

C. BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. (12:2b) This is an imperative from God concerning spiritual growth and the spiritual transformation He wants to accomplish in every believer's thinking or mindset.

- Let's understand the *meaning* of our words:

- "But" (alla) –
- "be transformed" (metamorphoo) –
- "by the (ho) renewing" (anakainos) -
- "of our mind" (ho nous) –

- Let's grasp 12 principles about spiritual growth and transformation in your life:

1. Spiritual growth and transformation are only for _____, not the unsaved who are still in need of spiritual regeneration. (12:1a; 1 Peter 1:23-2:2)
2. Spiritual growth and transformation are motivated in your life by the _____ due to the love of God, the finished work of Christ, the believer's security, identification and emancipation in Christ as a new creation, the indwelling and power of the Holy Spirit, the plan, purposes, and promises of God, etc. (12:1a)
3. Spiritual growth and transformation require an understanding of God's grace and an attitude of gratitude with repeated choices to logically _____ yourself to the Lord. (12:1c)

4. Spiritual growth and transformation involve your willingness to _____ to the norms, standards, philosophies, and purposes of this age. (12:2a)
5. Spiritual growth and transformation are a _____ that you must personally embrace (imperative mood) though you cannot fulfill this reality apart from God's grace – like salvation. (12:2b; 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 4:11, 11:7; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:17-18)
6. Spiritual growth and transformation involve an _____ metamorphosis that every believer (plural) needs but which must start only with _____. (12:2)
7. Spiritual growth and transformation involve a _____ over time, not a one-time event in your life. (12:2c; 2 Cor. 3:18b)

- Testimony #1 of transformation through occupation with the Word of God: Josiah (continued) - 2 Chronicles 34 - a tribute to what God can accomplish with a willing mind and humble heart.