



# TRANSFORMATION

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### ROMANS

12:2

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Do not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. World opinion is opposed to God.
2. Godliness begins with a mindset.
3. Only a changed mind will change a life.
4. Transformation is a New Creation Reality.

To conform means to pattern oneself after some other influence, model, or mindset. The “World” has a mindset, a set way of thinking. We continually hear about “World Opinion.” People are often influenced by world opinion but world opinion does not reflect God’s opinion.

The world is at war with God. The world tries to overwhelm, discount, and destroy God’s influence, all the while ... God is right and the world is wrong. Nonetheless the world seems tireless in its efforts to capture the mind and control opinion. The world is not your friend. The world is crazy.

... do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

**JAMES**

**4:4**

God does not want us to pattern ourselves after the influence, the model, or the mindset of this world. The world’s method of thought and practice is an enemy of God and runs contrary to the Kingdom. Therefore, whoever is a friend of the world is an enemy of God.

**World opinion does not reflect the mind of Christ.**

**Do not be conformed to this world, but rather be transformed.**

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Transformation refers to a metamorphosis of the mind - the picture of a caterpillar when it is transformed from an earthbound worm to a beautiful butterfly who rides upon the winds of heaven. Transformation occurs as a result of our participation with God in the process of renewing our mind. Only a changed mind will change a life forever.

Transformation is available to every Believer in Christ who chooses to believe God's Word instead of allowing the influence and mindset of this world to shape their thoughts, beliefs, morals, and goals. God's Word is truth and as we continue to fill our thoughts with the Word of God, the Word captures and cleanses our thoughts and renews our mind. Those who are "In Christ" should begin to think more like Christ and less like their old carnal, worldly self. It is a process which demands participation on your part.

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

**ROMANS**  
*8:1-2*

When we are born again as a "New Creation In Christ," we are made free from the law of sin and death. From that point God expects us to fill our minds with His Word and "set" our minds on spiritual things so that we will begin thinking like He thinks.

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For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

**ROMANS**  
*8:5-7*

Transformation is not without a struggle. The world is an enemy of God and fights to dominate opinion. God expects us to challenge our thoughts and not to let them run wild or come under the influence of this world's opinion. God has given us spiritual weapons to use against this enemy of our soul. Godliness begins with a mindset.

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience to Christ.

**2 CORINTHIANS**  
*10:4-5*

The battle is in the mind and the battle is for the mind. To begin the process of transformation we must know God's Word and accept God's Word as Truth. Believers must embrace God's opinion as their very own.

When a Believer changes their mind to line up with God's Word, it will transform their life and challenge the lives of all they influence for eternity. We are transformed by the Word so that we might prove the Will of God. We must seek God's Word to know God's Word; We must know God's Word to embrace God's Word; We must embrace God's Word to reflect God's Word. In other words:

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**If we desire to be more like Christ, we must be willing to challenge thoughts and change our mind.**

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