

**Sermon Outline**  
**Sermon Text: Romans 12:2**  
**Sermon Title: Don't be Conformed but be Transformed (PART 1 OF 2)**

**Introduction**

1. Romans 12:2 “<sup>2</sup> Do not conform 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.” (NIV)

God is interested in His children being transformed to His likeness not being conformed to the pattern of this world.

**First principle we must learn or know if we are going to be Transformed is**

**1. DO NOT BE CONFORMED.**

Romans 12:2a “<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world...”

a. The world has a pattern or a way of life that it wants you to conform to or live by.

b. Who is the God of this world?... Who sets the pattern of this world?. 2 Corinthians 4:4 “<sup>4</sup> Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.” (NLT) Satan sets the pattern of this world. He has a way of life.

c. Satan way of life is sure not God's way of life. Satan is the ultimate deceiver. Revelation 12:9 “*And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*” (ESV) The devil is a fallen angel and got some other fallen angel friends.

d. John 8:44 “<sup>44</sup> You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” (NIV)

e. Ephesians 6:10-12 “<sup>10</sup> A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” (NLT) If you are a believer in Jesus, you are not fighting people. You are fighting the demonic spirit in them or influencing them.

f. But remember if you are a believer in Jesus 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 “<sup>3</sup>*We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do. <sup>4</sup>We use **God’s mighty weapons**, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. <sup>5</sup> **We destroy** every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.” (NLT)*

g. Social media and the Internet are filled with the devil and his hierarchy of demons. The devil got False Prophets and Prophet killers spurring his lies faster than the speed of light and in volumes like never before. And we got recognize it when we see it. **Everyone is preaching a “gospel.”** Just about everybody is preaching on Instagram, TikTok and Facebook. The question is not, Are you preaching the gospel? It’s, **What gospel are you preaching? Are you preaching Fascism, Racism, bigotry, self-indulgence, atheism or the truth of Jesus?**

h. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ then God “do not want **you to conform** yourselves to be like the **people of this world** or to be like the crowd or the people of this world.

i. People are always trying to **get you to conform**. The question is what are they trying to get you to conform to? You don’t follow anything or anyone if you are a believer in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only person we are to follow.

j. John 10:10 Jesus said, “<sup>10</sup> *The thief (the devil) comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*” (NIV)

k. John 14:5-6 “<sup>5</sup> *Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”* “<sup>6</sup> *Jesus answered, “I am **the way** and **the truth** and **the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me.*” (NIV) Who are you going to follow? Whoever you follow will determine what kind of life you have.

Finally,

1. You will base your values, your priorities and your decisions in life either **by the WORLD or by the WORD OF GOD. The World and the Word** of God is diametrically opposed against each other.

2. After listening to this message. Maybe you need to make some important decisions about how you are going to live your life or who you going to listen to. There is no better way than the way of Jesus. Conforming to the world is dangerous. If I were you I would trust Jesus.. If that is your desire then **pray this prayer**. Lord Jesus, I don’t want to conform to this world pattern of life. I want to follow the way of you. I commit my life to you today. I confess you as my Lord and Savior. Forgive me of my sins and come live inside of me and fill me with your Holy Spirit.- Amen