

I'm Being Transformed Everyday

Over the course of 2020 we have spent a great amount of time covering 1 John 5.4-5. We have set it as our goal to develop an unshakable faith that no one can destroy. Now as we reach the culmination of our teaching on *Victorious Faith*, during November we'll get very practical on what it looks like. Today we'll study from Romans 12.1-2. Here we see the Christian life is primarily an act of worship in which we fully give ourselves to God.

I. Romans 12.1 - Living Sacrifices

- A. It's Personal. "I **urge** you." ...*to call to one's side...*
- B. The Mercies of God
 - 1. Paul makes his appeal in view of the mercies of God.
 - 2. Psalm 116.12: *How can I **repay** the Lord for all the good he has done for me?*
- C. **Present** Your Bodies: "To surrender, yield, offer up." "To hold nothing back."
- D. As a Living Sacrifice: The whole life, or the whole person.
 - 1. How you think; how you reason; *all that you are as a human being.*
 - 2. Three aspects of our sacrifice:
 - a) It is **living** or dynamic.
 - b) It is **holy**, ... "set apart" from the world & belonging to God.
 - c) It is **pleasing** to God.
- E. This is True Worship ... continual worship that we offer day by day.

II. Romans 12.2 - Transformed by the Renewing of your Mind

- A. Don't Be **Conformed** to the World
 - 1. 12.2a - first the negative ... do not be conformed to this age... *Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its mold.*
 - 2. Present passive tense. We allow this to be done to us.
 - a) You have been given the power to resist.
 - b) Romans 6.13b - *but as those who are alive from the dead, offer yourselves to God, and all the parts of yourselves to God as weapons for righteousness.*
- B. Be **Transformed**: *metamorphosis*. Deep or profound change that is abiding.
 - 1. Transformed: present passive tense. It is something done to us.
 - 2. The real responsibility here is to allow ourselves to be transformed.
- C. By the **Renewing** of Your Mind
 - 1. Colossians 3.10 - *You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your Creator.*
 - 2. Colossians 3.2 - *this is the mind that has been set on things above ... not on earthly things.*
 - 3. Colossians 3.16a - it is the mind that is being saturated with the word of God.
- D. This will **Prove** What the Will of God is... "to demonstrate the genuineness of."

III. As We Close

- A. How have you responded to God's mercy? *Have you responded to it?*
- B. Are you proving the will of God and displaying how it is good, lofty, and noble?