



Route 66, Holy and Pleasing - Romans 12:1-2

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Ephesians 5:1-3 *“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.”*

Ephesians 5:27 *“and to present to himself a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”*

Colossians 1:21-23 *“and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”*

v2 *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world,”*

Don't be a conformist
Don't be molded into the pattern of this world.
This world is controlled by satan.

Leviticus 18:1-5 *“The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘I am the Lord your God. You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices. You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the Lord your God. Keep my decrees and laws, for the person who obeys them will live by them. I am the Lord.”*

“...but be transformed (metamorphosis) by the renewing of your mind.”

Transformation comes by the word of God.

Renewing of your mind - be a thinking Christian.

Matthew 4:1-11 -- When Christ was tempted he responded with scripture

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” (Deuteronomy 8:3)

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ““He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”” Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” (Deuteronomy 6:16)

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" (Deuteronomy 6:13) Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Knowing the word brings transformation...

I Corinthians 2:16 "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ."

Philippians 4:8-9 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

When your mind is renewed you want what God wants.

- LOVE GOD... and do what you want.

Psalm 119

*"Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.
Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.
Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.
Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.
Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.
Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.
Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.
How I long for your precepts! In your righteousness preserve my life."*

Psalm 101

*"I will conduct the affairs of my house with a blameless heart.
I will not look with approval on anything that is vile.
I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it.
The perverse of heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with what is evil.
Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret, I will put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, I will not tolerate."*

"...Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

1. Gods will is always GOOD.

Romans 8:28 "God works all things together for good..."

2. Gods will is always PLEASING. (Acceptable) to God.

Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself in the Lord. And He will give you the desires of your heart." not he will give you what you want.... but he will give you desires in your heart.

3. Gods will is PERFECT.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."