

Transformation

Romans 12:1-2

Introduction:

A. **Why is there a need to “urge” Christians to be transformed? Rom. 12:1-2**

1. Is it *natural* to change from a fleshly person to one spiritually minded?
2. Conversely, is it impossible for a fleshly person to change into one spiritually minded?

Discussion:

I. A Life Changing Message

A. **The world says:** “God makes no mistakes ... *I was born this way.*”

B. Consider this **biblical** passage. **Jer. 13:23**

C. So, how is it possible for one to charge another to “change” ... and that people have? **1 Cor. 6:9-11**

D. **The Gospel:** God’s power for everyone who believes. **Rom. 1:16-17**

1. It reveals the righteousness of God.
2. It reveals the need for man to live by faith (believing in Jesus as the Savior).
3. It is this “living by faith” that brings about a substantive change in the lives of believers.

Knowing the *life changing message* (gospel) and being *transformed* by it is what distinguishes the life of a believer from another who is a *living sacrifice*.

II. A Life Changed

A. **It is NOT natural for one who lives according to the flesh to be a living sacrifice.**

1. He thinks, speaks and lives ... like the world. **Matt. 7:18**
2. To go from fleshly to spiritual takes **a complete transformation!**

B. To sacrifice your will for God’s – voluntarily – is nothing short of “life changing” ... a transfiguration of sorts. **2 Cor. 3:18 (Matt. 17:2)**

C. We can change because God’s spirit is now in us bringing us to not only discern His good will, but to **do His good will. Rom. 12:2**

Conclusion:

A. **Getting from my will to God’s will. Gal. 2:19-20**

1. From thinking of self → How can I sin against God? → How can I please my God?
2. Thinking of self → How does this affect others? → How can I love my neighbors?