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Transformation – Romans 12:1-2

Romans 12:1-2 is one of the best-known verses in the New Testament. It sets before believers a clear choice they must make. Are believers going to be molded into the likeness of the world or be transformed to God's likeness? Of course, the appropriate response to "the mercies of God" that saves, is to be transformed into the likeness of Jesus! The problem is believers are not removed from the world and the world refuses to yield its influence. Believers are caught in this tension. Conform to the world or be transformed. It is only through transformation that believers have something to offer the world.

Additional Verses:

Leviticus 18:1-5 Matthew 6:8, 17:2 Mark 9:2 2 Corinthians 3:18

Outline:

1. God warns believers not to conform.

2. God requires believers to be transformed.

3. God commands believers to daily renewal.

Study Questions:

1. How does the world work to conform you? Is there an area you struggle with conformity to the world?

2. Where is the other place the word "transform" is used in the Bible? What do these four verses tell us about a believer's transformation?

3. How do you renew your mind? Is it a daily practice? Why or why not?

4. Why is looking like a disciple important? What message does it send to the world?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?