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**"BE NOT CONFORMED ... BE TRANSFORMED"**

**(Romans 12:1 - 2)**

**INTRODUCTION** - "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable ("spiritual") service.

**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."**

**1. "AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD"**

**J.B. Phillips**, "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its mold."

**"Conform"** - to be molded by; having the same form as another; fashioned by.

**"World"** - its habits, desires, and value-judgments in taking you away from God; worldliness; the worldly vices of worldly people.

**2. "BUT BE TRANSFORMED"**

**"Transformed"** - changed into another form (from worldliness to godliness); it's a conversion; to "put off" and "put on;" behave differently than before.

Someone asked, "If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be another evidence to convict you?"

**3. DESCRIPTIVE BEHAVIOR OF "TRANSFORMED"**

**"Present your bodies"** - be a presentation to God governed by His directions.

**"A living sacrifice"** - it's in contrast to the slain sacrifices under the O.T.; not a one-time offering; continuous; it's daily cross-bearing.

**"Holy"** - we've been set apart for Divine service that's designed by God for God.

**"Acceptable to God"** - we are seeking God's approval, not the world's.

**"Is your reasonable service"** - think about it; God has asked to leave those things that would harm us mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

**"By the renewing of your mind"** - give good riddance to your stinking thinking.

**"Prove"** - put "transformed" living to the test; try it; trust and obey; it's a heavenly encouragement to put a "transformed" life into action.

**"That good and acceptable and perfect will of God"** - it's heaven approved.