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## TRANSFORM, NOT CONFORM

(Romans 12:1-2, v9-21)

**INTRODUCTION** - (Romans 12:1-2) "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 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."

"I beseech you" - beg you; urge; sit up and take notice; a call to action from the hearers.

"Brethren" - Christians; each of you; make it personal and take it to heart..

"By the mercies of God" - the motivation is based on God's great love and grace.

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

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

"Conform" - to be molded by; fashioned by; copy; adopt another's action or image.

"World" - it's the habits, desires, and value-judgments of man taking you away from God; worldliness; the worldly vices of the worldly people.

(Exodus 23:2) "You shall not follow a crowd to do evil"

(Ephesians 4:17-20 and 1 John 2:16-17)

### 2. "BUT BE TRANSFORMED"

"Transformed" - changed into another form (from worldliness to godliness); conversion; to "put off" and "put on;" behave differently; metamorphosis.  
(Colossians 3:8-10 and 1 Peter 1:13-15)

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

### 3. DESCRIPTIVE BEHAVIOR OF "TRANSFORMED"

"Present your bodies" - our physical bodies are a presentation to God by His direction.

"A living sacrifice" - is in contrast to the slain sacrifices under the O.T.  
The presenting of our bodies to God did not end at the baptism; it's daily cross-bearing.

"Holy" - we are set apart for Divine service, designed by God to be used for God.  
(1 Corinthians 3:16-17 and 6:19-20)

"Acceptable to God" - live a life that's approved by God (not the world's applause).

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

"by the renewing of your mind" - revival; get rid of your stinking thinking; refresh.

"That you may prove" - put "transformed" living to the test; try it; trust and obey.

**"that good and acceptable and perfect will of God"**

There is heavenly encouragement to put a "transformed" life into action.