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"BE TRANSFORMED"

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

INTRODUCTION - Review

"And do not be conformed to this world" - its value-judgments that take you away from God.

"But be transformed" - changed; conversion; metamorphosis, meaning, a term descriptive of the biological change which occurs when a caterpillar shuffles off its ugly cocoon and emerges a beautiful butterfly. Old worldly man vs. new man in Christ.

BIBLICAL TRAITS OF TRANSFORMATION

1. (v9) "Let love be without hypocrisy"

"Love" - a voice, an attitude, and an action that seeks the best for another.

"Without hypocrisy" - a pretense of having virtues that one does not really have.

2. "Abhor what is evil"

"Abhor" - hate; despise; detest; loathe; disapprove and resent.

"Evil" - wrong-doing; sin; abuse; opposite of what's right.

(Ephesians 4:17-20) "... but you have not so learned Christ."

(Psalm 119:104) "Through Your precepts I get understanding, I hate every false way."

3. "Cling to that which is good"

"Cling" - to hold tightly; grasp; wrap yourself around it; take hold and don't let go.

"To that which is good" - moral excellence; uprightness; virtue and integrity.

(Psalm 133:1; 1 Peter 3:10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:15)

4. (v10) "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love"

"Kindly affectionate" - having a gentle considerate nature; willing to help others; humane; kind-hearted; sweet-tempered.

"To one another" - to brethren; to those sitting next to you; the congregation.

(Hebrews 13:1; John 13:34-35)

5. "In honor giving preference to one another"

"Giving preference" - instead of trying to grasp honors for yourself, take the lead in honoring others; set the example of praising others; be first in thanking others for their service or giving a compliment to another.

Run to someone and give them an encouraging word. (Hebrews 12:12)

6. (v11) "Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord"

"Serving the Lord" - (John 12:26) "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me."

(1 Peter 2:21) "... leaving us an example, that you should follow in His steps."

"Serving" - a call to duty; exerted action; a worker; toil; (John 13:16-17).

"Not lagging" - loafer; lazybones; comatose; lethargic; dawdling.

"Fervent in spirit" - opposite of lagging; dynamo; go-getter; eager-beaver; sincere.

(Psalm 123:1; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Colossians 3:23)