



Our True Act Of Worship

"Leading a Transformed Life"

Romans 12:1-2

Introduction

We live in a world of routines, rhythms, cycles and seasons. The beginning of a new year is a time to begin again, a time to recalibrate, an opportunity to establish new routines, new rhythms, break old habits and seek to create new ones.

As we begin a new year God placed **Romans 12** on my heart.

Last week in **Romans 12:1** We learned:

We are challenged to Live With Purpose.

"In view of the mercies of God— **Because of the love, compassion, grace, majesty, greatness, judgments, wisdom, power, and glory of God we are called to live a different life! We are challenged to present ourselves— to freely give the total of sum of who we are to God— so He can utilize us however He deems necessary, to accomplish His plans and advance His kingdom on the earth.**

Giving ourselves freely to God is the greatest gift we can present to Him!

Today we are going to discover:

We are Called to Lead A Transformed Life

Scripture

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.

2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.” CSB

Quote Of The Day

“If my ruling disposition is self-interest, I perceive that everything that happens to me is always for or against my self-interest; if, on the other hand, my ruling disposition is obedience to God, I perceive Him to be at work for my perfecting in everything that happens to me.” — Oswald Chambers

“I am not this body, I inhabit this body. As I am being transformed to be more like Jesus on the inside the behavior of my body will transform to be more like Jesus on the outside.”
— Pat Kilby

As we examine **Romans 12:2** we learn:

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The word translated “**conformed**” comes from the Greek word “**syschematizo**” meaning to behave, act like, take the form of, or assimilate to the pattern of this age.

“**This age**” refers to the present world we live in.

What does “**Being Conformed To This Age**” really look like?

It looks like Progressive Christianity!

We are facing a real and present danger in America and around the world — it is called Progressive Christianity.

Progressive Christianity is a growing religious movement that professes to be “**Christian**” while seeking to present itself as a modern day alternative to **Biblical Christianity**.

Four Attributes of Progressive Christianity

1. The Bible is a human book with godly principles

The Bible is not the inerrant Word of God

The Bible contains some words from God

2. Foundational doctrines and Biblical terms are challenged and redefined

The resurrection of Jesus is symbolic not factual

Biblical teaching about sexuality is outdated

There is more than one way to heaven

God is love and there is no hell

3. Personal feelings and thoughts are more important than biblical principles

God is love, there is no moral or righteous judge.

The world has changed and so the Bible should be interpreted according to the culture.

Many Progressive Christians are embarrassed and appalled by the shedding of blood and death of Jesus on the cross for redemption of sin.

Many Progressive Christians do not believe sin separates us from God.

4. **The Gospel of Jesus is not good news for sinners it is a call to social justice**

Many Progressive Christians place less emphasis on biblical righteousness and a stronger emphasis on social justice, care for the poor, the oppressed, and environmental stewardship of the earth.

Our greatest need is not a politically correct life, where no one is offended and everyone is happy — our greatest need is salvation from sin.

Faithful followers of Christ are called to live a separate life, a different life, a life that imitates Jesus.

Scripture emphasizes the lifestyle of the righteous should be distinctly different from those living according to the beliefs, morals and standard of this present age.

2 Corinthians 6:16-18 “For we are the temple of the living God, as God said: I will dwell and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people. 17 Therefore, **come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord; do not touch any unclean thing**, and I will welcome you. 18 And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.” CSB

What does a “**Conforming Lifestyle**” really look like in real time?

It looks like **Lot** in **Genesis 19**

Lot desired to be accepted among the elite in the City of Sodom.

Lot wanted to sit at the city gate and be recognized as an important man in the City of Sodom.

He was willing to do whatever he needed to do Conform his life
Four lessons we learn from Lot’s Conforming Lifestyle:

Mixed Up Motives Lead to Messed Up Morals

Messed Up Morals Lead to a Conforming Lifestyle

A Conforming Lifestyle leads to a Meaningless Message

A Meaningless Message leads to Disrespect, Death and Despicable Behavior

Don't let the pressure of this present age squeeze you into the mold— the thoughts, views, philosophies, standards, beliefs and actions of the world we live in.