

**Work Out What God Works In  
Romans 12:1-2**

**Intro: A summary statement of the gospel:**

\_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus.

Paul makes a dramatic shift at the beginning of Romans 12, but he's still presenting the gospel. There are two key phrases in Romans 12:2 that will help you to understand the rest of the letter:

\_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_.

The transformation you can expect as a Christian is an everyday, deep within your heart, change of character that shows up in all of life.

Do not be conformed is written with a structure that means **you do the work**.

Be transformed is written with a structure that means the **work is done to you**.

You are not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the transformation.

You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the transformation.

**Be transformed by the renewing of your \_\_\_\_\_.**

The Bible is HUGE in your \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible is Holy Spirit inspired. Your mind is Holy Spirit renewed.

Our response to the gospel that Paul is describing is this:

We resist sin and sinful desires— do not be \_\_\_\_\_.

We pursue Jesus and His desires – be \_\_\_\_\_.

**In view of God's mercy...**

Remember **what Jesus has done** \_\_\_\_\_ **you** AND **what the Holy Spirit does** \_\_\_\_\_ **you**.

Salvation - believe and receive.

Justification – believe and receive.

Redeemed – believe and receive.

Sanctification – believe and pursue.

Transformation – believe and pursue.

Renewed – believe and pursue.

In the pursuit of God's will, God offers to you a renewed mind. Most of your day-to-day decisions will have you relying upon a mind that can be renewed by the Word of God and is able to discern the will of God.

*Solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.* Hebrews 5:14

**Home Group Discussion Questions:**

**Content Questions:**

1. What is so important about the "therefore" in Romans 12:1?
2. How did Pastor Karl explain the phrase, "Do not be conformed to this world?"
3. How would you describe the difference of being conformed and transformed?

**Process Questions:**

1. What are you doing in your Christian life to not be conformed to this world? In what particular ways do you struggle with conforming to the world? (For example, issues of identity, greed, comfort, lust, lack of integrity...)
2. What are some things you are doing to position yourself to being transformed, and how consistent are you at these things?
3. What would our Church and our individual lives look like if we presented our bodies as a living sacrifice? (This is getting at are we living our lives as a sacrifice.)