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TEXT: Romans 12:2

Romans 12:2— And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

## Introduction

- There is a great struggle going on.
- The Appeal of the conformist is to be like them that you not offend them — so you can win them.

## The Believer Must Be A Non-Conformist

...Be not conformed...

- The Gospel is not a a rule of CONTROVERSY.
- The Gospel is a rule of DIRECTION.

The Believer is not different for the sake of being different. The Christian is going somewhere.

"conform" suschematizo [GREEK] — to fashion or shape one thing like another.

1 Peter 1:14—As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

"not FASHIONING" (same word, suschematizo, as in Romans 12:2 "conformed")

The Believer must not follow the following three things:

1. The Fashions of the World — looking like the world
2. The Philosophies of the World — talking like the world
3. The Ways of the World — acting like the world

## The Believer Must Be A New Creation

...but be ye transformed...

Jesus transfigured (transformed) before the disciples. (Why could they not see His glory? The Flesh. )

The Glory of Christ was **let out**. The veil of flesh was drawn aside.

The veil of our flesh must be drawn aside **to let the Glory in**

"metamorphoo" [GREEK] — to change into another former

- meta — implying change
- morph — implying former
- morphe — lays stress on the inward change
- schema — lays stress on the outward change

2 Corinthians 3:18—But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

We are "changed" / transformed as we behold Him:

- In Faith — Revelation, etc.
- In Obedience — doing His will
- in Appropriation — partaking of His Divine nature

Remember only those that have been transformed will be translated.

Hebrews 11:5—By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

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