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Wednesday, March 30, 2022 - Group Study
Lesson Series: Transforming Into The New You

Lesson Series Text: *(Rom. 12:1-3)*

Lesson 1: Transformation Of The Mind

Lesson (1) Text: *(Rom. 12:2)*

All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. Our availability as Sons of God is limited if we are being conformed to the world around us.
 - A. The key to maximize the grace that God has imparted into our lives as believers, is to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.
 - B. Verse (1) speaks of an outward change and verse (2) speaks of an inward change.
 - C. The inward change is designed to produce an outward change.
- II. Not conforming to the world doesn't just mean the avoidance of external worldly behaviors.
 - A. A person can avoid all kinds of worldly behaviors and not be transformed.
 - B. Being transformed is not a switch from the works of the flesh to the works of the law. *(Rom. Chapter 7)*
 - C. The Christian alternative to immoral behaviors is not a new list of moral behaviors.
 - D. Paul told the Galatians, "*Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*" *(Gal. 5:1)*
 - E. Transformation is a change orchestrated by the Holy Spirit through the Fruit of the Spirit. *(Gal. 5:19-23)*
- III. Paul addresses in verse (2) what will bring about our transformation – the renewing of our minds.
 - A. This is the only means by which we can offer up our bodies as living sacrifices— as a means of outward worship; which has been produced from a new heart, changed inwardly that is worshipping.
 - B. Transformed – (met-am-or-pho'-o) – transfigure; to change into another form.
 - C. This same Greek Word is used in the Gospel in one incident. *(Mat. 17:2 AMPC; Mark 9:2)*
 - D. The veil of Jesus flesh was removed, revealing His innermost being. What was on the inside changed the outside.
 - E. Jesus spoke this about our future, *(Matt 13:43 - Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.)*
- IV. What is the problem with our minds, and why do they need to be changed?
 - A. Paul told the Ephesians, "*And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.*" *(Eph. 4:23)*

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- B. The mind has a “spirit” or in other words, our mind has what is called a “mindset”.
- C. It doesn't just have the power to perceive and detect; it also has a posture, a demeanor, a bearing, an attitude, a certain bent.
- D. The problem is that our minds have not been born again, and by default, they are controlled by our old nature.
- E. They have a spirit, a mindset that is hostile to the absolute supremacy of God.
- F. Our minds are bent on not seeing God as infinitely more worthy of praise than we are, or the things we make or achieve.
- G. Our minds to often do not want to spend the necessary time needed to get to know God better. (*Rom. 1:28-32*)
- H. Our minds have exchanged the glory of God. (*Rom 1:23 AMPC - And by them the glory and majesty and excellence of the immortal God were exchanged for and represented by images, resembling mortal man and birds and beasts and reptiles.*)
- I. These are the challenges that we face with an unrenewed mind.
- V. Let's look at the relationship between verses (1) and (2).
 - A. Verse (1) says that we should present our bodies—that is, our whole natural lives—as a living sacrifice; which is our spiritual service of worship.
 - B. So the aim of all life is worship.
 - C. We are to use our bodies—our whole lives—to reveal the worth and praise of God. This way, others will see the Christ in us!!!!
 - D. Verse (2) says that, in order for that to happen, our minds must be renewed.
 - E. Why? Because our minds are not by nature God-worshipping minds.
 - F. They are by nature self-worshipping minds.
 - G. That is the natural spirit of our minds.
- VI. Let's look at some other instructions and warnings about the mind.
 - A. (*1 Peter 1:13-16 - Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (14) as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: (15) but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; (16) because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*)
 - B. (*Eph 4:17-18 - This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, (18) having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart*)
- VII. That we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
 - A. (*Eph 1:18-19 - The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*)

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