

Different By Design

We should be _____ through the Holy Spirit

- How are you being transformed? Are you being transformed?

- What are you eating?

Follow the ____ of God and See that it is _____

- Reflect on a time where you followed God's will...

- Did following His will have benefits?

Live Life _____

- Reject...Redeem...Receive

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Open: What is one way someone has shown you kindness this past week?

Read & Discuss: Romans 12:1-2

1. In verse 1, Paul makes his appeal to believers in light of “the mercies of God.” How would you describe the mercies of God? (*See Romans 5:1-2; 6:4; 8:1-2.*) What helps you keep “the mercies of God” in view? What impact does reflecting on God’s mercy typically have on you?
2. What does it mean to “present [our] bodies as a living sacrifice” (v. 1)? (*See Romans 6:13-16; 1 Peter 1:14; and 1 John 2:15.*) In what sense is offering a living sacrifice different from offering a sacrifice intended to be killed? If we’re saved by faith in Christ, why do we need to see to it that we present ourselves as “holy and acceptable to God”?
3. How do our efforts to flee sin and pursue holiness serve as an act of “spiritual worship” (v. 1)? How is our worship impacted by harboring affection for sin?
4. Paul said, “Do not be conformed to this world” (v. 2) How have you found the world working to conform you to its ways? Whether from your own experience or from observing the lives of others, what precautions should we take so we don’t end up being “conformed to this world”?
5. Rather than being conformed to this world, Paul says to be “transformed by the renewal of your mind” (v. 2). How would you put this phrase in your own words? From this verse, how would you explain to a new believer what they must do if they want to see change in their life?
6. Paul says, “by testing you may discern what is the will of God” (v. 2). What are some tests that allow you to discern the will of God? How does failure to present ourselves as living sacrifices interfere with our ability to correctly discern the will of God?
7. Romans 12:1-2 has been said to be “a summary of the whole Christian life.” Would you agree or disagree? Why?

Apply: What’s one way you could apply Paul’s exhortation in these verses to your life this week?

Pray: Ask God to help us recognize all God’s mercies upon our lives—and as a response to joyfully choose to live for His glory, resisting the world’s ways and gladly embracing God’s ways.

Romans 12:1-2

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)