

## “Transformed”

### A Study of the Book of Romans

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**Key Truth:** Spiritual transformation enables the believer to turn from the ways of this age to the perfect will of God.

What does God want from us? What’s his will? God has already shown us his will in the Scriptures. Some things are clear: God wants us to grow in holiness (1 Thessalonians 4:3), to obey his commands (Philippians 2:12-13), to rejoice, pray, and be thankful in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18), and to evangelize the lost (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). Yet, some things are not as clear, so we need wisdom and discernment. Can we discern God’s will? Paul seems to think so. It’s not from new revelation, or from old revelation reinterpreted. It’s from Inner transformation – Renewal of the Mind.

## DISCUSS

Read **Romans 12:1-2** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “Transformed.”

## DIG IN

### 1. God’s Plan for Transformation: (Romans 12:2a)

Why do you think Paul now gives a command in verse 2 rather than an appeal as he did in verse 1?

What are some examples of the “spirit of the age” today (sinful influences of this world’s system)?

In what ways are we susceptible to being conformed to the world?

Why is it important that transformation take place from the inside out rather than from the outside in?

### 2. God’s Process of Transformation: (Romans 12:2b)

Why should transformation begin with a renewed mind rather than renewed actions?

In what ways should our minds be renewed leading to transformed actions?

### 3. God’s Purpose for Transformation: (Romans 12:2c)

In what ways can a renewed mind help us discern the will of God?

In what specific ways does God’s will prove to be good, acceptable, and perfect?

In what ways does our current process of inner transformation point to a final transformation? When will that final transformation take place?

## DO

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?