



Lesson 40 **“Conform or be Transformed”**

Romans 12:1-2

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Read Colossians 3:5-17. Paul here is expanding on what it looks like to be transformed, contrasting the former characteristics of our lives with the characteristics of our lives when we are in Christ. What does Paul tell us to “put to death” and “put away” in verses 5-9?

Our new self is not stagnant. How does Paul describe this new self?

What should be our primary identification?

What does Paul then tell us to “put on” in verses 12-14?

What should rule in our hearts?

What should our attitude be?

What should dwell in us that we may teach and admonish each other with wisdom?

The overflow of having His word in us should also lead to what? (Look at the end of verse 16.)

What should our every action be done for and in?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. What does Paul, again, tell us we are when we are in Christ?

Is this from our own ability or self control?

What did God do through Christ?

What has not been counted against us?

Because of this, what “role” do we have?

What does that mean?

How do your actions reflect Christ?

How do your actions not reflect Christ?

Why would Paul tie this statement of our new role with his appeal for our reconciliation to God?

Read Matthew 5:14-16. How does Christ describe His followers?

What is the purpose of this light? (Hint: it's not about you.)

Read John 15:18-21. Should it surprise Christians when the world reacts with hatred toward us? Why does the world not love us?

What example did Christ set for us in this?

Why will they "do all these things"?

Read Ephesians 4:20-24. What have we been taught in Jesus?

What part of us shall be renewed?

What will we then put on?

Whose image shall we reflect then?

Read Philippians 2:14-15. How are we to do *everything*?

Why?

Why will this behavior stand out?

Read Philippians 4:4-8. What is the "double" command Paul gives in verse 4?

What type of conduct should we exhibit?

Should we allow anxiety to fill our minds?

How should our prayer and supplication be presented to God?

What does God's peace surpass?

What two things will this guard *in Christ Jesus*?

What, then, should our minds be filled with?

As you spend time with God today, thank Him for the renewal that has come to your mind with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to continue to sanctify you and help you to continue to die to your old self and to put on the new life that He offers you. Ask Him to help you to be bold and to step forward in your joy

and love for Him. Ask Him to give you the courage you need in the face of any fears you may have about shining for Him. Ask Him to show you where your desire is to blend instead of to shine for Him, and ask Him to help you to shine as His child, giving all glory and honor to Him, forever and ever.