

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

When I read today's verses, two words popped out to me, which are "**conformed**" and "**transformed**" because it is a reminder to us that we are to be "**transformed**" as Christians, no longer "**conforming**" to the way we used to be, which is the world's ways.

Yet so many will try and be like the world, thinking that the world will accept them. But the world is tired of being like the world. They want something different, something better, which is what we have. We have the way to eternal life through Jesus Christ, they have the way of eternal death through satan.

So, think about that, The Holy Spirit will not cause the church or a believer to "**conform**" to the ways of this world to draw others to Jesus, but rather the Holy Spirit will "**transform**" the church and believers to be more like Jesus Christ and less like the world each day, and that's what draws other to Jesus.

One saying I believe the Holy Spirit gave me years ago was,

"If you are going to Heaven, then why are you living like you are going the Hell?"

Yet how many believers actually live like they are going to hell with their lifestyle? Yet the bible clearly teaches us that;

† **2 Corinthians 6:17** *Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."*

I also like the way the Message bible puts this:

† **2 Corinthians 6:16-18 (MSG)** *Who would think of setting up pagan idols in God's holy Temple? But that is exactly what we are, each of us a temple in whom God lives. God himself put it this way: "I'll live in them, move into them; I'll be their God and they'll be my people. So leave the corruption and compromise; leave it for good," says God. "Don't link up with those who will pollute you. I want you all for myself. I'll be a Father to you; you'll be sons and daughters to me." The Word of the Master, God.*

God may be speaking to some of you today saying, "**leave the corruption and compromise; leave it for good,**" says God. "**Don't link up with those who will pollute you. I want you all for myself.**" Have you ever thought of that. That the God who created the heavens and the earth and everything in them want's you, yes you, all to Himself? I mean how loved and special does that make you feel!!!

So if God wants you all to Himself, then leave the things of this world behind, no longer being “*conformed*” by them, and cling to the Lord, being “*transformed*” more and more into the image of Jesus Christ each and every day.

† **2 Corinthians 3:18** *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

† **2 Corinthians 3:18 (MSG)** *All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of his face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him.*