

Romans 12:2

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 got saved, certain things in my life were transformed right away. One of the biggest, and most evident for me was that I used to cuss constantly. I could out cuss anyone and would even make sailors blush. But the day I got saved, I counted that I cussed 4 times that day. Over the years I could probably count on both hands the number of times I have cussed, because there was a renewing and a transforming of my mind and heart, to where I just did not want to cuss anymore, and it was no longer who I was in Christ Jesus, because it was the will of God for me to be changed.

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And I think one reason God took this from me right away was the fact that He created me to be a worshipper of God, writing and recording worship songs to Him, and I couldn't do that if I had a foul mouth.

† ***A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. Luke 6:45***

So since God had changed my heart, He also changed my speech or words that I used as well.

But reading today's verse, one thing stood out to me, which is "***be transformed***". Now, being a guy, I remember a toy robot called Transformers. You are probably familiar with them as well, and they have several movies about them. Simply, they are robots, that are cars, trucks or planes and even dinosaurs that transform from a car, into a standing, walking robot, or should I saw a fighting machine (Yes, that's the guy in me).

So these cars would be driving along and when something bad would come along, they would transfer into a fighting machine to fight whatever bad was coming. And when they were done fighting, they would transfer back into a car (or plane, truck etc....).

But how many Christians are like that? They read this verse and think "*I will be a Transformer*". But the problem is, to be transformed as a Christian is not to go back and forth, yet how many do that. They drive up to church, and as soon as they get into the parking lot, they transform themselves into a Christian, ready to fight those spiritual battles in theirs, and others lives. But as soon as they get out of the church parking lot, they transform themselves back into a man or woman of the world.

It would be like me, going around all week and using profanity as part of my everyday speech, then coming to church and singing worship songs to the Lord. Then as soon as I am out of church, there I am again, with profanity flowing from my mouth. No, that would be wrong, and it's not what I do.

† ***For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. Luke 6:43-44***

So, what about you? Has Jesus transformed your life so that you are a new creation in Christ Jesus?

† ***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17***

But are you seeing yourself going back and forth between the world and Jesus? James writes about this.

† ***But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. James 1:6-8***

You struggle because you have not decided if Jesus is Lord of your life, or just the Son of God who died for the world.

† ***You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble! James 2:19***

Anyone can believe anything they want, but unless they live it, it means nothing to them. Sure so many people believe in Jesus, but so do the demons. Many call out to God in times of troubles, yet so many have no other relationship with Him other than that.

† ***Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' Matthew 7:22-23***

So, today, it's time to make the decision, are you going to be a Transformer, going back and forth between the world and Jesus? Or are you going to allow the Lord to Transform you into a new creation in Christ Jesus? The choice is yours.

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