

## A TRANSFORMED LIFE

### Romans 12:1-2

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## DEFINITIONS:

### "Fashioned" (ASV) – "Conformed" (KJV):

*syschematizomai* – An expanded rendering might read, "Stop being molded by the external and fleeting fashions of this age, but undergo a deep inner change [*metamorphoús*] by the qualitative renewing [*anakainoëisei*] of your mind." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

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## DEFINITIONS:

"Transformed": *metamorphous* – "to become, to change, to be changed into, to be transformed ... but be transformed by the renewing of your thinking Rom 12:2 ... become completely different or become different from what you are." (Louw & Nida – Greek-English Lexicon Based on Semantic Domain).

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## THE TRANSITION: FULL CONSECRATION TO GOD

"Transformed" (cf. Romans 6:4-7)

- This radical change involves a turning from and a turning toward, a putting off and a putting on. Ephesians 2:1-5; Colossians 3:1-3.
  - a. The former conduct grew out of ignorance. Ephesians 2:2; cf. 4:17; I Peter 1:14-15
  - b. Paul instructs us to stop being molded by "this present evil world." Galatians 1:4
  - c. "The fashion of this world passeth away." I Corinthians 7:31.

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We are to be "**changed**" into the image of the Lord. (II Corinthians 3:18; 4:16)

- This radical change can be accomplished only "**by the renewing of your mind.**" (Romans 12:2) (cf. II Corinthians 10:5; Ephesians 4:23-24; cf. II Corinthians 4:16 "day by day")
  - a. This demands teaching and study of the Scriptures (cf. Titus 2:11-12).
  - b. This change of heart or mind of man does not come quickly. (cf. Matthew 28:19-20)

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## GRACE CAME TEACHING TITUS 2:11-14

- ▶ General Context
  - ▶ Speak things that are sound doctrine. (verse 1)
  - ▶ Older men and women to be "Sober," "Sound in faith." (verse 2).
  - ▶ Younger men and women to be taught "Sound doctrine." (verses 3-6)
  - ▶ Titus to be a "Pattern of good works." (verses 7-8)
  - ▶ Men and women of all ages to live in accord with "Sound doctrine." (cf. verses 9-10)

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## GRACE "TEACHES" TITUS 2:11-12

- ▶ Educates, instructs, trains. cf. I Timothy 2:3-4
- ▶ To expel from our lives "ungodliness" and "worldly lusts."
- ▶ To live displaying changed relationships:
  - ▶ To self. (Self-mastery)
  - ▶ To neighbors. (Fairness)
  - ▶ To God. (Reverence and worship)

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## GRACE "TEACHES"

- ▶ What God has provided.
  - ▶ Sacrifice. John 3:16; Hebrews 2:9; Romans 3:23-26
- ▶ How man is saved "by grace." Ephesians 2:8
  - ▶ "Though faith." cf. Romans 10:17
  - ▶ Grace that saves comes through faith – by the word of God. Acts 20:24, 32
- ▶ Grace that saves through faith, works. James 2:24-26
- ▶ The lawless immoral life is contrary to:
  - ▶ The grace of God. cf. 1 Timothy 1:8-11
  - ▶ The gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24
  - ▶ The word of His grace. Acts 20:32

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## WE ARE TAUGHT TO "DENY"

- aparneomai** – to affirm that one has no connection with. cf. Matthew 26:34-35, 75 (Strong)
- ▶ cf. Acts 3:13; 7:35 – To "abrogate, forsake, or renounce a thing." (Vine)
    - ▶ Evil. Titus 2:12
    - ▶ Good. 1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Timothy 3:5; Revelation 2:13; 3:8.
  - ▶ "... let him deny himself." Matthew 16:24
  - ▶ **Deliberate act** ... a renunciation of "worldly passions."

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## DENY "UNGODLINESS"

- asebeu** – General impiety (Romans 1:18-22; Titus 2:12). Without reverence for God (Romans 5:6). (Vine)
- ▶ Progressive. cf. II Timothy 2:16
  - ▶ Must eliminate ALL ungodliness. Colossians 3:5-10
  - ▶ Why must we deny ALL ungodliness?
    - ▶ The god of this world will blind us. II Corinthians 4:4
    - ▶ We will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. Galatians 5:19-21

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## DENY "WORLDLY LUSTS"

- "Worldly"** – "of or pertaining to this world," the natural and fleshly realm.
- "Lusts"** – "Strong desires," especially "strong desires that are evil and grow out of fleshly appetites."
- ▶ Includes:
    - ▶ Lust for unholy riches. I Timothy 6:6-8; Matthew 6:19-21
    - ▶ Sinful pleasures and evil habits. Hebrews 11:24-26
    - ▶ All wickedness. Titus 3:3

We must deny ALL UNGODLINESS AND WORLDLY LUSTS. Colossians 3:9; Galatians 5:24

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## WE MUST LIVE ... "SOBERLY"

- sophronos** – With sound mind.
- ▶ To possess control over one's mind, desires, passions, and appetites (cf. Titus 2:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8)
  - ▶ Must THINK RIGHT. II Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 4:8

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## WE MUST LIVE ... "RIGHTEOUSLY"

**dikaïos** – “doing justly” and “the right conduct; of what is right; by the right standard.”

- ▶ Uses of this word.
  - ▶ Character and work of God. Psalms 50:6
  - ▶ Work and death of Christ. Romans 5:18
  - ▶ Revelation of the word of God. Psalms 119:172
  - ▶ Individuals who understand, believe, and DO the will of God. Psalms 23:1-6; Acts 10:35; cf. Romans 10:3; Matthew 7:21-23

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## WE MUST LIVE ... "GODLY"

**eusebos** – Piously ... signifies a devout, pious manner of living.

- ▶ This is advanced by an attitude of piety toward God that seeks to please Him.
- ▶ It embraces that fear and reverence of God that must characterize both our attitudes and conduct.  
(Note: Romans 1:18ff and compare Hebrews 11:7; II Timothy 3:12)

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## GRACE TEACHES US TO ...

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**Grace teaches us how to live "in this present world"**

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## "What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

- **Hear the Word of God**
  - **Romans 10:8** – “But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim)”
- **Believe that Jesus is the Savior**
  - **Romans 10:11** – “For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’”

## "What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

- **Repent of your sins**
  - **Acts 3:19** – “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”
- **Confess that Jesus is the Son of God**
  - **I John 4:15** – “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

## "What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

- **Be immersed in water (baptized)**
  - **Acts 2:38** – “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”
- **Remain faithful**
  - **Hebrews 3:14** – “For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”