

TRANSFORMED, NOT CONFORMED

There are passages of the Bible that stick in our heads, some just refer to them as favorite passages. To this servant, one of them is Romans 12:2, and it has to do with the Greek word translated as “transformed.” This word is connected to our modern word “metamorphosis” which is usually defined as “a major change.” My wife and I visited a butterfly farm a few weeks ago and it was so interesting to learn about the process in which a caterpillar is transformed into a butterfly or a moth. A source said that the primary purpose of them emerging from their pupae is to reproduce themselves. Why am I sharing all this information? Well, I do not think a caterpillar can opt to be conformed to be in that stage until it dies. It must be transformed in order to bring others like them to life.

Many people in this world opt to conform to the world, instead of transforming into what God expects them to do. That is sad. But many others do choose this major change. The apostle Paul wrote these words to Christians, not the world. We must transform ourselves by the renewing of our minds, by putting the Word of God into our hearts in order to not sin against Him (Psalm 119:11) and live according to His will. There are many out there looking for how they can do this. We can provide the answers to their questions. We can show them how to transform into what God wants them (and us) to be. We are commanded by our Lord to go and preach (Mark 16:15), to seek those who are lost, just like He did (Luke 19:10), and help them to know where salvation is found (Acts 4:12). That is how Christians are reproduced. That is how the church keeps growing. A recent comment we received follows,

“It is wonderful to listen to these messages since they take you out of many doubts, unknowns, and myths. I would like to get a more advanced and in-depth study of the Bible. I love learning things from the Bible, things that I didn't know even after reading the verse many times. The speaker explains the purpose of God in a direct way. God bless you very much. I would like to continue listening to these topics that are so important and necessary in our lives” – Costa Rica.

Please help us to help people like the one above to find the truth of the Gospel through the work of the Lord we are blessed to do. To be transformed as God expects all of us to be. If you currently support this work, thank you so much for being part of this effort. We visited Texas this month and recorded 6 topical videos on Moral Issues that will be available soon. With God’s help and yours, we can achieve lots of great things for the kingdom, together.

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May God bless you and your family richly today and always!

To Him be the glory!