

# Comments About Romans 12:2

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Last week, I began a discussion about the words of the apostle Paul found in Romans 12. It is my perspective that Paul's writings in chapters 1-11 could be classified more as comments about doctrine and spiritual concepts, whereas the words in chapter 12 can be viewed more as Christian-living topics.

This article will discuss Romans 12:2.

## **Positive words**

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 12:2.

*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."

## **Not conformed to this world**

Notice some verses in the Bible that discuss the importance of not being conformed to this world.

*John 15:18-19*—"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

*John 17:14-17*—"I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

*1 John 2:15-17*—"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

## Transformed by renewing of the mind

Notice some verses in the Bible that discuss the importance of being transformed.

*Romans 6:4-6*—"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin."

*Romans 6:16-18*—"Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."

## Will of God

Notice some verses in the Bible that discuss the importance of following the will of God.

*John 4:34*—"Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.' "

*John 6:38*—"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

*John 8:28-29*—"Then Jesus said to them, 'When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.' "