

A Transformed Life

Romans 12:1–2

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 [*anakainæjsei*] of your mind." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

Definitions:

Transformed: *metamorphoús* "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." (Greek-English Lexicon Based on Semantic Domain).

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 2:2ff; Colossians 3:1ff.
 - a. The former conduct grew out of ignorance. Ephesians 2:2; cf. 4:17; 1 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." 1 Corinthians 7:31.

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We are to be "**changed**" into the image of the Lord. (2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:16)

- This radical change can be accomplished only "**by the renewal of the mind.**" (cf. 2 Corinthians 10:5; Ephesians 4:23–24; cf. 2 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

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Grace Came Teaching – Titus 2:11

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- ▶ 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 4-6)
 - 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. verse 10)

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Grace "Teaches" Titus 2:11

- ▶ Educates, instructs, trains. cf. 1 Timothy 2:4
- ▶ To expel from our lives "*ungodliness*" and "*worldly lusts*."
- ▶ To live displaying changed relationships:
 - To self. (Self-mastery)
 - To neighbors. (Fairness)
 - To God. (Reverence & 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 20:32, 24
- ▶ 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."
 - Evil. Titus 2:12
 - Good. 1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Timothy 3:5; Revelation 2:13; 3:8. (Vine's)
 - ▶ "*To deny oneself*." Matthew 16:24
 - ▶ ***Deliberate act*** ... a renunciation of "world passions."

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Deny "*Ungodliness*"

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

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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. 1 Timothy 6:6f; Matthew 6:19f
 - Sinful pleasures and evil habits. Hebrews 11:24f
 - 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 2:1,4,6; 1 Thessalonians 5:6,8)
- ▶ Must THINK RIGHT. 2 Corinthians 10:5; Philipians 4:8

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We must live ... *"Righteously"*

dikaios – “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; Acts. 10:35; cf. Romans 10:3 and Matthew 7:21–23

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We must live ... *"Godly"*

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

- ▶ This is promoted 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; 2 Timothy 3:12)

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Grace teaches us to ...

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Deny: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ungodliness ◦ Worldly lusts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Live: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Soberly ◦ Righteously ◦ Godly |
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**Grace teaches us how to live
*"in this present world" !***

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