

## Be Ye Not Conformed to This World — Romans 8:12

How many of you who call yourselves Christians understand the meaning of this scripture? After telling us to not be conformed to this world, then the scripture tells us to present our bodies a living sacrifice, this being only reasonable, so we can prove what is the perfect will of God for our lives. He did not say we should be a nice person. He did not say we should seek to have a ministry. He did not say we should not lie, steal or cheat to prove what the perfect will of God is for our lives. He says, "Be ye not conformed to this world, but be transformed." Our mind is conformed to a sick world and through Christ as a catalyst we are able to turn from a "worm into a butterfly" so to speak....from a sick mind into a sound mind. Everyone is born with a sick mind.

Now back to the "present our bodies" as a living sacrifice. Do you know what that entails??? We can no more eat, drink, have sex when we want. We cannot go where we want. We cannot think as we wish, or say our own thoughts. All our grandiose ideas of who we are and what we can aspire to must be sacrificed. What we were as a worm will not nor cannot go to heaven, for we are conceived in sin and shaped in iniquity in a world called hell and the grave. Poor wretched human race. We continue to slaughter one another with the sword of steel or the sword of our mouths.

God has given us the only way of escape and that way is narrow, demanding that we leave all behind and

follow our Saviour, much like the worm must leave all to become the butterfly. By the way, the word transformed is the same word as metamorphosis, the word scientists use to transform a worm into a butterfly.

If we make presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, dying daily, decreasing so He may increase, our priority, all else will fall into place. We have seen nothing but worms leading other worms, ever learning and never coming into holiness or perfecting what God intended. What a pity!! What a disgrace to the name of Jesus!!! The church has been nothing but a blood sucker, a taker and not a giver of life — a counterfeit that is part of the world.

We have taken the word of God and twisted it to our own demise. Instead of repenting and believing the Gospel, dying so a new creation can be born, so charity makes up our whole being, we have done many things we think are wonderful and pleasing to God, when in fact all He calls us to is to give our body as a living sacrifice so He can put it to death by the working of the cross in our lives and be the finisher of His creation. Now, as we submit our all to God and let him transform us, there is a constant repenting, bearing the shame of our dark mind having to give way to the glorious mind of Christ.

Please check for the soon to be article on what it means to repent and the glorious reward of repenting.



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