

Transformation
Rom. 12:2

{ change in heart
" nature
" character

I want to talk to you to-night on transformation. I do not mean reformation. Reformation is merely grooming you again as you have been. But transformation is passing over from one form to another. Be not conformed to this world or better perhaps is to say be not formed by or with this world.

This world is an expression taken to mean wickedness. This world a thing opposed to God's Kingdom. This world - this sense is pride, luxury, vanity, and the outspying - any way of our sensual appetites. Now be sure be not formed by these, let not these make up your life.

Now the world was opposed to Christianity in the day of Paul. It is no less opposed to Christianity to-day. It will never be less opposed. Right will always be opposed by wrong as long as there is any wrong. But you and I in the church must not let unrighteousness fashion us.

* But be ye transformed - passing over from the old form to another. It means a change of nature, conduct, and character.

As to nature you say, "The things I once loved I now hate and the things I once hated I now love." Regeneration has come by the Holy Spirit.

Conduct has changed. cursing to blessing, hate to love, selfishness to unselfishness, to good deeds, lying to truth telling, wrong road to right road.

Character - hate to love, selfishness to unselfishness, wickedness to righteousness.

This does not mean painting over an ugly life and allowing the ugliness to remain. you can paint an old house and make it look new but not change

its form. It will look good on the outside but the same underneath almost the same way - and bad foundations ruin the surface. you have not transformed it. To transform you must get inside and rearrange, put new material in place of the old. Then the outside will take on an appearance corresponding to the inside, you have a transformed house.

It is just the same with a life. you may put on all kinds of outward show but till you have the inward change you are not passed to another form. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Your thinking has got to change. you can not be a new form and hold on to your old way of thinking. your thoughts which have fired your passion or caused you to say the obscene, to swear must be changed.

that you may prove what is that perfect & acceptable will of God. that you may prove to be etc. you have to prove this to the world. you will not prove it by being conformed to the world but by passing over from those things.

It is hard to dance, play cards for prizes, cheat, lie or curse and at some time win lost then to Christ.

But if you are passed over from this form to the sacrificial life where your life is unselfishly offered for service you will win.



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Roger Babson's story of two