

God Demands Holiness from His People

I. To surrender ourselves completely to God (v.1)

Our sacrifice acceptable to God is the one that is living and holy.

Holy means to be set apart.

How are you living your Christian life?

II. Do not fit into the mold of this world (v.2a)

The word "conformed" refers to fitting into a mold.

The apostle Peter (1 Peter 2:9) writes that we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God.

In what ways has the world influenced you?

III. Our mind must be renewed (v.2b)

The goal of ongoing spiritual transformation is to become a mature Christian and to be Christ-like every day.

Transformation and renewal of our mind is possible when...

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. What are the most encouraging, and discouraging, things to you for living a Christian life?

2. In Romans 12:1, Paul urges what kind of living?

What does holy mean?

Evaluate how you are living your Christian life. Are you living a double life, a "spiritual" life and a secular life? Why?

3. In Romans 12:2, Paul urges his readers not to live how?

What does "conformed" mean?

4. How does Peter describe the believer in 1 Peter 2:9?

In what ways has the world influenced you?

How do you define the success of the world?

How do you think the apostle Paul defines success according to verses 1 and 2?

5. According to Romans 12:2, what should be the goal of every believer?

Transformation and renewal of our mind is possible when we are saturated with the Word of God. Do you spend time studying and meditating on the Bible? What things distract you from Bible study?

What can you do to be more intentional in Bible study?