

# Transformation for God's building, the church

A. **Rom 12:2** And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well-pleasing and perfect.

*Question: How are we transformed?*

*Question: Why do we need to be transformed?*

B. **Rom 12:3** For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think, but to think so as to be sober-minded, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith.

C. **Rom 12:4** For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,

D. **Rom 12:5** So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

*Question: What is the will of God according to the context of Romans 12?*

*Question: Why should we not “think more highly of” ourselves as we ought to think?*

*Question: How do we “prove what the will of God is”?*

E. **1 Cor 12:27** Now you are the Body of Christ, and members individually.

F. **1 Cor 12:28** And God has placed some in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then works of power, then gifts of healing, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

G. **Matt 16:18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

H. **1 Cor 3:9** For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

I. **1 Cor 3:10** According to the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. But let each man take heed how he builds upon it.

J. **1 Cor 3:11** For another foundation no one is able to lay besides that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

K. **1 Cor 3:16** Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

L. **Eph 3:16** That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

M. **Eph 3:17** That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

*Question: who is building the Church?*

## II. Transformed by the renewing of the mind

A. **Titus 3:5** Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

B. **Rom 8:6** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

C. **Eph 4:22** That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,

D. **Eph 4:23** And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

E. **Eph 4:24** And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

## III. Metabolic transformation

A. **2 Cor 3:18** But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

- The word transformed in Greek is metamorphoó, which means to change into another form. Metamorphoó is the root of the English terms “metamorphosis” and “metamorphize.”, therefore, it implies an inward metabolic transformation. A change in life.

B. **1 Peter 2:2** As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation,

C. **1 Peter 2:3** If you have tasted that the Lord is good.

D. **1 Peter 2:4** Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men but with God chosen and precious,

E. **1 Peter 2:5** You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

F. **Eph 5:26** That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,

G. **Eph 5:27** That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

*Question: how do we eat and drink the word?*