

DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD Pt. 4
Or WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?
(Romans 12:2a)

- Some verses to consider:

True spirituality for the believer in Christ is not a matter of external obedience or outward behavior first and foremost. It's an issue of the heart responding with yieldedness and faith in the Lord as we enjoy and access the riches of God's grace in the context of a right relationship with the Lord vertically and others horizontally.

We all experience external appeals or information from both God and His Word vs Satan and his world that impacts us internally depending on the response. It is with our mind and volition where this spiritual battle rages each day as the Christian life is always an issue of focus and faith.

I. THE EXHORTATION OF GRACE (12:1)

II. THE ELEMENTS OF THE EXHORTATION (12:1c-2) In light of the tremendous mercies of God toward you in past justification by grace, present sanctification by grace, and future glorification by grace ...

A. PRESENT YOUR BODY TO GOD as a living sacrifice ... reasonable service." This is an appeal to true spirituality and spiritual worship because of a logical and volitional response to the mercies of God.

B. DO NOT BE CONFORMED to this WORLD ... "*And do not be conformed to this world ...*"

******* 10 TRUTHS ABOUT THIS PRESENT AGE *******

- 1) The period of time and spiritual environment we live in is consider the _____ age (1 Tim. 6:17; Tit.2:12), and is described by God as _____, filled with HVP, Satan's wiles, moral pollution, rebellion toward God, arrogance, etc. (Gal. 1:4-5) Do you recognize this age as inherently evil?
- 2) Jesus Christ "gave Himself for our sins, that He might _____ us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. (Gal 1:4) Whom should you glorify because of this?
- 3) The god of this evil present age is _____. (2 Cor. 4:3-5) Do you grasp who you are dealing with?
- 4) Satan uses _____ and _____ to deceive people from the truth. (1 Cor. 1:20, 2:6-8; Col. 2:8)
- 5) Prior to having been saved by God's grace, you "walked according to the _____ of this _____ with its worldly norms and standards (Eph. 2:2), but God in the _____ is going to place you on display to magnify what His grace has done for you. (Eph. 2:7)

- 6) In the meantime, you can now grow in grace and become fruitful for Jesus Christ or you fail to become or remain fruitful in your Christian life like the soil 3 believer by allowing “the _____ of this world , the _____ of riches, and the _____ for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.” (Mark 4:19)
- 7) Jesus Christ will _____ at the end of the age (Matt. 24:3) to execute _____ upon the unsaved and to set up His Kingdom on Earth. (Matt. 13:38-43)
- 8) We are instructed in this present age to fulfill the _____ of our Lord, and He promises to be with us to direct & enable us to do His will “even to the _____ of the age”. (Matt. 28:16-20)
- 9) As a believer in Christ, you no longer need to be _____ to this age, though it does not happen by accident or necessarily for all believers. (Rom.12:2; 2 Tim. 4:10)
- 10) The grace of God that has brought us salvation is now is seeking to teach us “to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts” and that “we should live soberly, righteously, and godly _____, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. (Tit. 2:11-14)