

## ***“How Shall We Then Live?—2”***

*Amazed by Grace* • part 47

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### INTRODUCTION

- battle against peer pressure
- succumbing to the lure of conformity
- conformity controls in the absence of courage and conviction

### 1. The **basis** of the Christian life

Rom. 12:1a

### 2. The **basics** of the Christian life

a. present yourselves to God

Rom. 12:1b

b. do not be conformed

- “*schema*” / “conformed”

- ...to this world

Jms. 4:4

“Two cities have been formed by two loves; the earthly by the love of self, even to the contempt of God, the heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self. The former, in a word, glories in itself, the latter in the Lord.”

– Augustine

- exemplified in Lot

2 Pet. 2:7-9; Gen. 13:12-13; 14:12

c. be transformed

- “*metamorphoo*” / “transformed”

Mt. 17:12; Mk. 9:2; 2 Cor. 3:18

- present tense = continuous activity

- passive voice = received action

- “by the renewing of the mind”

three necessary elements for transformation

1)

Tit. 3:5; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Cor. 2:14-16

2)

1 Thess. 2:13; 4:1-8

3)

Col. 3:2; Phil. 4:8

### APPLICATION



*Romans*  
12:2