July 1, 2018 SERMON NOTES *Romans 12 Series* Conformation and Transformation *Romans 12:1-2*

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

I. Be a _____.

A. Do not be _____...

- 1. Conformed refers to an outward expression that does not reflect what is within.
- 2. Paul is saying we are not to allow ourselves to be conformed to this world.
- 3. Do not be conformed to this world.
- 4. Following ways of conforming to the world.
 - a. Right to have all our desires fulfilled.
 - b. Right to pursue and use power.
 - c. Right to abuse people.
 - d. Right to accumulate wealth for selfish reason.
 - e. Right to use our personal abilities and wisdom for self-advancement rather than service.
 - f. Right to ignore or even hate God.

B. Be _____...

- 1. We are commanded to be changed outwardly into conformity to our redeemed inner nature.
- 2. Satan puts " " in our path that hinders our ability to transform our own life.
 - a. Fear of what will my friends think.
 - b. Fear of failure.
 - c. Past mistakes.
 - d. We really don't want to change completely.
 - e. Satan has you believing you cannot trust God.
- 3. Only way this transformation comes is through working of the Holy Spirit.

C. The Holy Spirit achieves this transformation by the _____ of our _____...

- 1. We are to give our ______ to God.
- 2. Outward transformation is ______ by the inner change of the mind.
- 3. Word of God transforms our mind through the _____.
- 4. Are you in the Word?

II. The _____ Must Be Given To God.

A. We must give our _____ to God.

B. A transformed ______ produces a transformed ______.