

Hello! This is Dorothy -

The Word of God tells us not to be **conformed to this world**. What does that mean? That means not to be conformed to this **age**. In other words, **[fashioned after and adapted to the external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind (by its new ideals and new attitudes), so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]. Romans 12:2.** Do we understand that this new life that is within us totally changes us within, so that we see the world around so differently?

We have been learning a little about the tabernacle. We have been learning how that God gave Aaron as high priest in the service of the tabernacle, and the tribe of the Levites as his priests. All these came, but as they came, Aaron, in turn, offered them back to the Lord as that which was rightfully God's. We might talk about how to do something as what they did and should we do the same, but, you know, after we are saved and have become believers, we, too, the Bible says, are to be given back for His service.

In **Romans 12**, we see familiar **verses** – as in the Amplified:

1 I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. As we come to the Lord, He is saying, “I want every part of you. I do not want you to come and tell Me what to do and how to work out your tomorrows. I want you to be on that altar of sacrifice. It is the least and the most reasonable thing.” Therefore, is it any wonder that the Word says ***I beg of you*** to view it this way by ***the mercies of God?***

It is essential that, first and foremost, we see it is His life He wants to do through us, but it is essential to understand that He is asking us to present ourselves. Then when the going gets tough and things do not work out the way we think they are going to, we are not to be complaining, not to be questioning, thinking, “How come I am here in this position and I would like to be over there?”

We read further -

3 For by the grace (unmerited favor of God) given to me I warn everyone of you not to estimate and think of himself more highly than he ought- *do you know what that means?* - [not to have an exaggerated opinion of his own importance] . . . That is what the Word of God is saying in the Amplified. What do you think about

yourself? “Oh,” you say, “we are told these days we are to have a very good opinion of ourselves. We have to have this self-love. We have to somehow have this self-esteem, because how can we carry our head in this difficult day?” I want you to know you will have all the self-love and all the self-esteem when Jesus Christ is everything through you. You will not have to think of how to carry your head; He will carry your head, because you will be that sacrifice. At any moment, anything can happen to you, but the praise and the glory goes to Him.

You see, we are **Christ’s ambassadors**. God is making His appeal as it were through us, we are told in Scripture. **2 Corinthians 5:19** tells us:

19 It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses - that is what you have done, what I have done, and what any other person has done - [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor). Jesus is saying to you right now that if you will but understand, you are the ambassador of that Life which is within you.

It goes on to say -

21 For our sake, He made Christ - spotless, holy, Son of God, perfect Man - [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and

through Him we - you and I as believers - might become (endued with, viewed as being in and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness].

And we read in **chapter 6-**

1 Laboring together [as God's fellow workers] with Him then, we beg of you not to receive the grace of God in vain [that merciful kindness by which God exerts His holy influence on souls and turns them to Christ, keeping and strengthening them — do not receive it to no purpose].

2 For He says, In the time of favor (of an assured welcome) I have listened to and heeded your call, and I have helped you on the day of deliverance (the day of salvation). Behold, now is truly the time for a gracious welcome and acceptance [of you from God]: behold. now is the day of salvation!

Daily deliverance through Jesus living within is the daily function of the Holy Spirit as an ambassador working through you, as you lay your life before Him. Will you tell Him right now, *I lay my life before You and everything I am is Yours, Lord Jesus.*

For Your glory. Amen.

