

METAMORPHOSIS

January 6, 2019 Romans 12:1-2 by Bob Branch

BIG IDEA: *How do people change? How does God change us?*

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.

1. Live RESPONSIVELY—like you've received mercy.

(Col. 3:23-24; Mt. 6:1-18)

² Do not be conformed 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.

“Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within”

Romans 12:2 JBP

What molds are you being squeezed into?

Conformed and **Transformed**

2. RECOGNIZE the world and the Lord's influence on you.

“we are not unaware of his *schemes*.” **2 Cor. 2:11**

“we are God's masterpiece.” **Ephesians 2:10** NLT

Transform—*metamorphesthe*—metamorphosis.

“When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! Realize that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become men of mature character with the right sort of independence.” **James 1:2-4** JBP

“let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” **Romans 12:2** NLT

3. Steer your THOUGHTS to steer your life. *Wherever your thoughts go, your life follows.*

“you'll do best by **filling your minds and meditating on things** true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.” **Philippians 4:8** Message

How do you change the way you think?

Input, Agreement, Repetition.