

"Transformation Through a Renewed Mind"

Romans 12:2, Pt. 3

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I. We Need to Be Transformed

- A. "Be transformed" – We cannot spiritually transform ourselves.
- B. Yet, we are all called to *seek* this transformation.

II. To Be Transformed, We Need our Minds Renewed

- A. "Mind" (Gk. "nous") – a person's moral-intellectual center.
- B. Defined as above, our minds are what rule over the rest of who we are.
- C. When our minds are renewed, our lives are transformed.

III. Our Minds Are Renewed by God's Word

- A. It's scripture that renews our minds (consider Paul's use of scripture throughout Romans 12-15).

2 Timothy 3:16–17 - ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1 Timothy 4:13 - Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.

2 Timothy 4:1–2 - ¹ I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.



- 1. The verses above concern the renewing power of the public ministry of the word.
- 2. But our individual interaction with God's word renews our minds too:
 - a. Through meditating on scripture:

Psalm 1:2–3 - ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

- b. Through memorizing scripture:

Psalm 119:11 - I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

- B. The Bible renews our minds by providing guidance, both direct and indirect (Biblical wisdom – Rom. 12:2c).

Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

- C. God's word renews our minds because to encounter the scripture is to encounter Christ.

John 1:1 - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Luke 24:27 - *Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.*

Colossians 3:16a - *Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you...*