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Romans 12:2, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Paul is giving some good admonition to the Roman brethren in chapter 12. When something is “conformed” it is likened unto an image of something the maker is trying to have it look like. When we are conformed to an image, it means we take on its appearance, its actions, its likes and dislikes and etc. If there is anything a child of God does NOT need to be conformed to (look like) it is this evil, sin cursed world we live in. We are not talking about the beauty of nature here, but rather our personalities, our actions, and our mindset taking on the sinfulness of this world. Paul said not to! He goes from the negative (be not conformed) to the positive (but be ye transformed) by our minds being renewed with the righteousness of Christ. Plainly stated, our minds are to be Christ centered, not worldly centered. How do we renew our mind? By the reading and study of God’s written word, by listening intently to the preached gospel, by praying often to our Lord, and by meditating on godly things daily. By doing these four things we then can prove (come to know of a truth) “what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God”. Isn’t that what we are to be doing because of all that He has done for us? We are forever in debt to our Saviour of which we will never be able to repay. The Lord shed His blood for His children without putting a charge on it that He knew we could not repay, but we sure should try. Our sin debt was so high that all the ticker tape in the world would not be able to list the charges of sin. We should be so thankful that it was within the perfect will of God to send His Son to do that which we could not do for ourselves. Thank you Lord! Think about it!