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## **Romans 12:1-2 NIV**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer 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.

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# Definition of metamorphoo

The New Testament Greek word for transformed is metamorphoo.

## Μεταμορφώω

It means to change, transform or morph into something else.

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# Definition of metamorphoo

Metamorphoo is the word we get metamorphosis from. The process of transformation from a caterpillar into a butterfly and the tadpole into a frog.



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## Definition of metamorphoo

In Paul's letters, this word is used to describe an inward renewal of a Christian's mind, where the mind and thinking is changed into the likeness of Christ and His Kingdom thinking.

Do not be conformed to this world; but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:2).

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## Definition of suschematizo

The Greek word for conform, suschematizo means “to take the form as another.”

## συσχηματίζω

It has the context of being moulded into another form.

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# Why be transformed?

## 1. To become like Christ

Romans 8:29-30 – Predestined to conformed to the likeness of Jesus

Luke 6:40 – To be like our Teacher

2 Corinthians 3:18 – To reflect His glory to the world

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# Why be transformed?

## 2. To live like Christ

John 6:38 – Came to do the Father's will, not His own

Mark 10:45 – Came to be a servant of all, not to be served

Mark 6:34 – Came to show compassion and be a Shepherd

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# What helps us transform?

## 1. The Word of God (Hebrews 4:12)

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart

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# What helps us transform?

## 2. The Spirit of God

God's Holy Spirit helps to transform us inwardly. When we come to Christ the Holy Spirit resides in us (Romans 8:11) and He helps us to change.

Day by day we are transformed inwardly (2 Corinthians 4:16) and we are changed into the likeness of Christ.

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# What should motivate us?

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 - The love of Christ

Romans 12:1 – The mercy of the Father

Philippians 1:6 – God’s promise to keep working on us

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 – Future giving account to God

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## Summary

Today's text Romans 12:1-2.

At the heart of these verses is the call to be transformed into the image and likeness of Christ. It tells us not to fall into line and be conformed to the pattern of this world.

We saw that this transformation takes place when we renew our minds.

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## Final thought

We are all being transformed into something.

What are you being transformed into? Is it Christ?

Or is it conformed to the pattern of this world?

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