

# Trans-Formation

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## TRANS-FORMATION: RESISTING THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD

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### PRAY

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- I. **Romans 12:2** **Do not conform** 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.

**A. Pattern of this world:**

1. Sexual orientation is inborn & immutable
2. Love is love
3. Love equates to affirmation

## II. Sexual orientation is inborn & immutable

**A. Genderbread Person**

1. Orientation 150 years
2. Action → orientation
  - a. **Sexual fluidity**
    - i. Spirit, soul, body
    - a) **Mind, will, emotions → body**
      - i) Take thoughts captive!
      - ii) Trauma in soul

3. **Ephesians 4:22-24** You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to **put off your old self**, which is being **corrupted** by its **deceitful desires**; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**B. Love = love**

**1. God is love (displaces GOD!)**

- a. **1 Corinthians 13:1** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud [**pride**]. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but **rejoices with the truth** [**God's design for sexuality**].
  - i. **Why** homosexuality wrong? (book!)
- b. **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** Or do you not know that wrongdoers **will not** inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be **deceived**: Neither the **sexually immoral** nor **idolaters** nor **adulterers** nor **men who have sex with men** <sup>10</sup> nor **thieves** nor the **greedy** nor **drunkards** nor **slanderers** nor **swindlers** will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And

**that is what some of you were.** But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

i. You cannot actively engage in unrepentant **sin** and inherit the Kingdom of God

a) **Compassion for strugglers**

b) “Gay Christian” identity

2. Genesis 9:11, 16 I establish my **covenant** with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth....Whenever the **rainbow** appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting **covenant** between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.

a. Rainbow (ROYGBIV)

b. Pride flag

3. God is holy, holy, holy [Rev. 4:8]

a. We’ve replaced God with a human construct of what love is

i. Affirmation and accommodation of sin instead of transformation

b. Be holy as I am holy (set apart)...transformed

i. 2 Corinthians 3:18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being **transformed into his image** with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

C. If you love me, you’ll affirm me

1. If you love me, keep my commands (John 14:15)

a. (2<sup>nd</sup> **commandment** > 1<sup>st</sup>)

b. Does God affirm everything you think, say, do? (parent/child)

2. **Jesus offended people!**

a. Eat my flesh, drink my blood

b. Rich young ruler – Jesus looked at him & loved him

c. Woman at the well – come see a man!

3. Galatians 1:10 Am I now trying to win the **approval of human beings**, or of **God**? Or am I trying to **please people**? If I were **still trying to please people**, I would **not** be a servant of Christ.

a. Preferred pronoun → lose job!

i. **Job → LIFE?**

4. Acts 4 On their **release**, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. They **cried in self-pity** and asked God to consider their threats and tell the religious leaders to **stop being meanies**. In fear, they **watered down their message** to make it more acceptable so as not to offend others and avoid further persecution, **enabling them to reach more people with a compromised gospel**.

5. Acts 4:21-31 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> When they heard this, they **raised their voices together in prayer to God**. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ... <sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, **consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness**. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to **heal** and perform **signs and wonders** through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> **After they prayed**, the place where they were meeting was **shaken**. And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and **spoke the word of God boldly**.

6. Matthew 5:10-12 Blessed are those who are **persecuted because of righteousness**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “**Blessed** are you when people **insult** you, **persecute** you and **falsely say all kinds of evil against you** because of me. **Rejoice** and be **glad**, because great is your **reward** in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- a. **Matthew 5:13** “You are the **salt** of the earth. But if the **salt loses its saltiness**, how can it be made **salty again**? It is **no longer good for anything**, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
- b. **Matthew 5:14-16** “You are the **light of the world**. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they **put it on its stand**, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine before others**, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
  - i. The darker it gets, the brighter the gospel shines in contrast!
    - a) “Woke” = false awakening
    - b) **Cancel culture = secular pharisaism**
      - i) Jesus will never cancel you – cancels your sin! (Col. 2:14)

### III. Response

- A. **Romans 12:2** Do not conform 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.

#### 1. We are conforming like chameleons:

- a. We **want to be liked** (fear man > God)
- b. We’re **biblically illiterate** (subjective feelings > Word)
- c. **We’ve conformed God to our image instead of being transformed to become like Him**

#### B. Rom. 12:2 Transformation happens by renewing the mind

##### 1. Daily intake of Word

- a. **Romans 10:17** So then **faith** comes by **hearing**, and **hearing** by the **word of God**.
  - i. What is your soul continually hearing?
    - a) Social media
    - b) Netflix
    - c) Podcasts

##### 2. Discern counterfeit – know real

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### Resources:

1. Book
2. Videos
3. ReStoried24
4. Sign-up
5. Eunice

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