

Starting Fresh...
With a Transformed Mind
Romans 12:1-2

“...be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

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Main Point: We respond to God’s grace and mercy with a life of service to God.

Appeal or urge- not to teach or command, but to plead for action. Note the choice.

Bodies- our whole being, mind, body and soul.

Living- not lifeless or dead; having full vitality and function of being.

Transformed- transfigured, changed into another form; a restoration of the divine likeness we were created in.

Spiritual worship- acts of service to God. A life lived for Him.

Point: Dead creatures cannot serve our Living God.

“As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2:4-5

Point: God's mercies transform us to our created state.

We are...

- Created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26).
- Known and loved by God before we were born (Psalm 139:15-16).
- Guilty of sin and separated from God (Romans 3:23).
- Made new and transformed in Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 4:24).

“Christians have been introduced into the life of the world to come; what a tragedy, then, if they conform to the perishing world they have left.”

-Leon Morris

Point: We are transformed and renewed to know and do the will of God.

Our renewed minds enable us to discern what is good and what is pleasing to God so we can live it out for His glory. Knowing God's will and being a living sacrifice go hand in hand.

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