

Do Not Be Conformed to This World

Rom 12.2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

* **What are** the two pillars of the Christian life in Rom 12.1-2?

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* **“World” in vs 2** literally means _____. What does “age” or “world” mean in this kind of context?

1Jn 2.15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

* **“Eternal life”** literally means “life of the _____.”

* **What “age”** are we to be representatives of?

* **This is** hard because the fallen age or world makes sin seem _____ and righteousness seem _____.

Isaiah 5.20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil.

* **What did** Satan talk about when he tempted Eve and Jesus, and what do all societies, good or evil, talk about?

* **It’s not** these words that distinguish good and evil, but the _____ we give to those words.

* **Increasingly** our society is defining good & evil, not by what one thinks, says, and does, but by what _____ groups one falls into.

* **Jesus treated** people according to three great unifiers of the human race:

1) All people are created by God and bear his _____.

2) All people, except Jesus, are born under the curse & power of sin & death, and are in need of _____.

3) The salvation achieved by Jesus Christ is available to _____.

In those 3 respects, we are all the _____. In most all other respects, we are _____. But our essential _____ & _____ are based on those unifiers.

* **Example #1:** Jesus and the Roman centurion

Mat 8.5 [A] centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed ...” 7 And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” 8 The centurion ... said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed ...” 10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said ..., “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! 11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness” 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

* **Example #2:** Jesus and the Samaritan woman

John 4.5 So He came to a city of Samaria ... 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied ..., sat thus by the well ...

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" 13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." 15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." 19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." ... 28 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, 29 "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" 30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him. ... 39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of His own word. 42 Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."