

# Sermon Series – “Pauline Reflections”

## Part 5 – “Transformed by Renewal”

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**Scripture Reading:** Romans 12:1 & 2

The book of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ with examples of what \_\_\_\_\_ when we separate ourselves from God’s ideal. It speaks of mankind’s \_\_\_\_\_ to worship God and how humanity was denigrated by idol worship producing in them animal-like behaviors and characteristics. It tells us how Israel \_\_\_\_\_ God’s purpose for them and \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the Messiah which led to national collapse and being cut off as God’s chosen. The book \_\_\_\_\_ us of the internal struggle between \_\_\_\_\_ and wrong, but that we must look away from ourselves in faith to Christ, if we would overcome. Unfortunately, many today are still looking to self to find the meaning of life and, not finding satisfaction, are \_\_\_\_\_ what life should mean not \_\_\_\_\_ that this will only lead to \_\_\_\_\_. Speaking to fellow believers, what counsel and \_\_\_\_\_ does Paul give to those who would come to know the will of God and find true \_\_\_\_\_ in Him? Let us humbly open God’s Word in prayer.

### Finding Renewal in Christ (*Romans 12:1&2*)

1. Why is Paul’s plea to the believers still urgent and \_\_\_\_\_ today? *Phil. 1:6*
2. Is living sacrificially truly a \_\_\_\_\_ decision? *Gal. 6:9-10; 2 Cor. 4:16-18*
3. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ difference between conform and transform? *2 Cor. 5:17; 3:18*
4. Can I be \_\_\_\_\_ after years of by decisions, if so, how? *Eph. 4:17-24; Tit. 3:3-7*

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Life is too short, the hours of probation too precious, for us to make a mistake in our religious life. Earnest men and women, filled with courage and devotion, are needed in the Master's service. The call comes to us, “Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.” As we obey this command, the power of the Holy Spirit will come upon mind and body, bringing us into conformity to the will of Christ, and renewing us in His likeness. The hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong will die, and Christ will be formed within, the hope of glory. It will be seen that we are indeed followers of Christ.

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*Would you pledge today to give your WILL to CHRIST to be RENEWED by the HOLY SPIRIT?*