

## PATTERNS FOR A SURRENDERED LIFE

Scripture:

Romans 12:2 ; 8:29

### Introduction

There are definite patterns that each of us must follow if we are to attain Christ Jesus. There has to be that emptying of self and resignation to the will of God if we are to reach that spiritual plane that God has planned for our lives.

The words in this text set the pattern that we must follow to achieve a totally surrendered life.

### I. Be not conformed to this world

A. God demands nonconformity to the world's standards

1. World's standards tend toward death

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Proverbs 14:12

2. World's standards are in direct opposition to God's plan

a. Materialism

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:21

b. Pleasure seeking

1. In America, the pursuit of happiness has become the pursuit of pleasure

2. I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore, enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this is vanity

Ecclesiastes 2:1

JOHN 5, DEMAS  
3. MON MACUS,  
25.10 FORMITY PRODUCE  
SPIRITUAL DEATH

WORLD FILLED  
WITH BIG-SHOT  
SINNERS LEADING  
THE PACK TO  
HELL

I. Be not conformed to this world

B. God wants us to conform to the image of Christ

From the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him--and all along He knew who would--should become like His Son.

(Living Letters) Romans 8:29

II. But be ye transformed (Greek--metamorphoo) TRANSFIGURED

has Newman A. Process of metamorphosis

4 STAGES OF CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

1 SALVATION

2 SPIRIT FILLED

3 REPRODUCING

4 POST-RESURRECTION

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1. Egg

2. Many segmented worm--voracious appetite

3. Cocoon or chrysalis--complete realignment

4. Emerges as a butterfly

Transformation must take place in Christian's life

1. Changed speech

2. Changed actions

3. Mental transformation

C. By the renewing of your mind

1. This triggers the transformation

2. Realignment toward Christ

3. Pure thought life

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he

D. TRANSFORMATION - MATTHEW 17, MARK 9

Proverbs 23:7

III. That good, and acceptable and perfect will of God

A. God does not will that anyone perish

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

II Peter 3:9

III. That ...perfect will of God

B. Christ came as an act of God's will

Oh my Father, if this cup may not  
pass away from me, except I drink it,  
thy will be done.

Matthew 26:42

For I came down from heaven not to do  
my own will, but the will of him that  
sent me.

John 6:48

C. Christ's death followed God's perfect will

D. Transformed life follows God's will

Conclusion

The transformation of a Christian is not complete until we are "changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." It begins here but is completed in God's presence.

John said, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like; for we shall see him as he is.

I John 3:2