

✿ Regeneration is instantaneous - our transformation is continuous –

- The 'role' of church fellowship in the 'process' of transformation -

Next Week – 'Living in Fellowship' -

**THE FINAL WORD:**

*'We are weary of 'business as usual'. We need and want a transformation experience from the Lord that will... most of all bring such glory to God that the world will sit up and take notice, and confess, that God is truly among us!'* [Warren Wiersbe]

**THE DEBRIEF:**

What is the main thought you will take away with you from this message?

What one or two things will you DO with what you have heard?

Is there anything you will do differently based on the truth that has just been shared with you?

W/C Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 A.M.

**Series: 'The Rule of Life.'**

**WEEK 3:**     **LIVING IN TRANSFORMATION.**

**Reading:**     **Romans 12:1-8.**

**INTRODUCTION:**

*The church in Rome was constantly under pressure from the Roman authorities to fall in line. In response Paul challenged them to a life of transformation. He realised that this was no easy option but he also knew that if Christians simply took the line of least resistance then it would make for a crooked and compromised church, and such a church is an anathema to God.*

**1. LIVING SACRIFICES:**

✿ Old Testament sacrifices were now obsolete but there was still a place for **sacrificial worship** -

✿ **The BIG Question** – In view of all that God has accomplished for His people in Christ, how should His people live?

✿ (v1) – The basis for Paul's challenge was **God's mercy** -

✿ Our **bodies** must be 'offered' (v1) -  
- (1Cor.6:19)  
- (Rom.6:13)

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✿ Our **minds** must be 'transformed' (v2) –

- (Luke 10:27)

*True worship needs more than just the body and soul it requires the mind and emotions also.*

## 2. TRANSFORMED LIVES:

✿ The Power of the Human Will –

- Our minds exert control over our bodies and our will controls our minds

- The reality of our faith centres on the allegiance of our will -

*'If we will to please God then we will be pleased with the will of God.'* [F B Meyer]

- Sacrifice involves **cost** -

✿ a) The Conformed Christian -

- Living according to the world's design –

- Governed by **outside pressures** –

- More wishbone than backbone –

- In sacrificial worship – self is illuminated and sin is exposed –

- The only worthy conformity - (Rom.8:29) "For those God foreknew He also predestined to be **conformed to the likeness of His Son..**"

- God draws us in close in order to slingshot us out (Mission) -

✿ b) The Transformed Christian -

- *Gk word = 'metamorphoo'* - It speaks not merely of the need to change but to undergo a – '*... a complete renewal of the qualities of the soul.*'

- Governed by the **inside power** of the Holy Spirit –

- Participators not mere spectators –

- Impressed only by all that glorifies Christ -

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