

THE AUTHENTIC FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST |
RESISTING CONFORMATION TO THE WORLD
Romans 12:2

Did you consider obeying what we studied here last week? Just one verse Romans 12:1: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Have you sincerely said to our Lord those five words that we had sung together: "I surrender all to you." That is the basis for our passage today. There is a battle raging for our minds and our hearts and the minds and hearts of our loved ones. It's a sort of tug of war, we face each day. It is intense, but the Lord will give us victory. Paul lays out the negative first- what we should not allow to happen. Next, he lays out the positive-what we should allow to happen. Lastly, he shares the benefit and outcome. We are answering three questions: What should we avoid? what should we embrace? And how will our lives change?

1. We are to avoid being _____ by the _____.

2. We are to allow ourselves to be _____ by _____.

3. We are to _____ our circumstances and _____ that which is perfectly good- that which God desires.