



Life is a series of decisions and actions predicated by one's understanding, values and experience. What one does is a reflection of who he or she is. This morning, we will see how Romans 12:1-2 call us to reflect who we are, not who we were.

## "Therefore ..."

*Romans 12:1-2*

Παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν  
I exhort therefore you fellow members in view of the mercies

τοῦ θεοῦ παραστήσαι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν θυσίαν ζῶσαν ἁγίαν  
of God present the body of you (a) sacrifice living holy  
(your entire being)

ἑυάρεστον τῷ θεῷ, τὴν λογικὴν λατρείαν ὑμῶν·  
pleasing to God this rational/thoughtful service of you  
(based on reason) (act of worship)

Therefore, I exhort you, fellow family members, in view of the mercies of God, to present your entire being as a sacrifice that is living, holy and pleasing to God. This is your reasonable service of worship. And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God, the good and the pleasing and the perfect.

Notes:

Lord, I do not want to be conformed to this world. Help me to reject its values and embrace yours. Make me think like you. Make me see like you. Make me act like you.