



Series:
'The Rule of Life.'

Week 3:

Living In Transformation.

Romans 12:1-8



SERIES OVERVIEW:

- **1) Living in Jesus** – Encouraging a deeper relationship with Christ.
- **2) Living in Prayer** – Encouraging a more disciplined and creative prayer life.
- **3) Living in Transformation** – Encouraging each other to experience transformation.
- **4) Living in Fellowship** – Encouraging increased awareness and acceptance of each other.
- **5) Living in Mission** – Encouraging a greater heart to serve God's world.
- **6) Living in Reconciliation** – Encouraging a more gracious way of handling conflict.
- **7) Living in Submission** – Encouraging a greater desire to submit to God and to each other.

1. LIVING SACRIFICES:

- ✱ 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 we live?
- ✱ The basis for Paul's challenge was God's mercy - (v1)
- ✱ Our bodies must be 'offered' (v1) –
- ✱ Our minds must be 'transformed' (v2) –

2. TRANSFORMED LIVES:

- ✱ The Power of the Human Will -
- ✱ Our mind exerts control over our body and our will controls our mind -
- ✱ 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 -

2. Transformed Lives Cont'd..:

- ☀ a) The Conformed Christian –
 - Living according to the world's design –
 - Governed by outside pressures –
 - More wishbone than backbone –
- ☀ God draws us in close in order to slingshot us out (Mission) -

2. Transformed Lives Cont'd..:

- ☀ b) The Transformed Christian –
 - *'... 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 -
- ☀ Regeneration is instantaneous - transformation is continuous –
- ☀ The 'role' of church fellowship in the 'process' of transformation -

THE FINAL WORD:

Warren Wiersbe -

'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!'