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Message Topic: **Be Transformed**

Scripture Text: Romans 12:1-2

1. Romans chapter 1 to 11 are the doctrines that Paul was writing to the people. He was speaking as one of their brothers. The emphasis is 'The just shall live by faith', not by any good works and certainly not by going to church. Salvation is of the Lord.
2. Romans chapter 12 to 16 are the applications of the doctrines. Our reasonable service to God is to present our bodies as a living sacrifice and not to be conformed to this world.
3. God wants us to be devoted to Him by our trust and service to Him. We cannot do this if we are outside the kingdom of God. Once we are saved by the grace of God, we will be people who want to serve God and worship Him and fellowship with His people.
4. We must beware lest we conform to the world as Prov 4:23 tells us to "keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it comes the issue of life." The Word of God says be transformed by the renewing of our mind. Our minds must be filled with the Word of God. Worldly temptations are a hindrance to our Christian life. Life is fragile and none of us knows when we will draw our last breath. We need to be a people who trust and look to God. If we are going to be a man pleaser, we cannot be transformed.