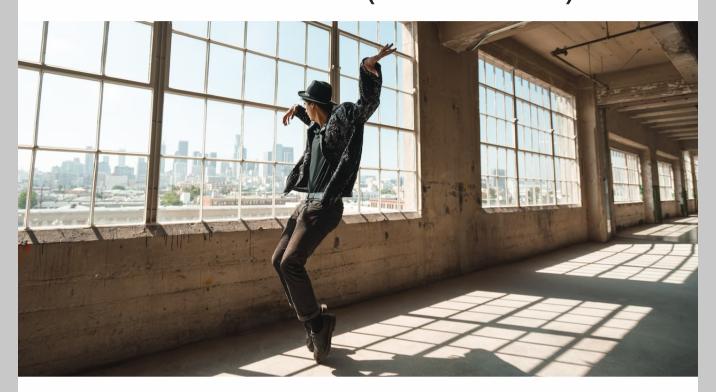




WORD OF THE DAY (Romans 12:2)

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." - KJV

MEDITATE ON THIS (Be Transformed)



Bring across. According to Merriam-Webster, the prefix **trans**- is a variant of tra-, which means "across," and it appears in many English vocabulary words. For example: **trans**mit, **trans**form, and **tra**jectory. Consider the word **trans**lation, which is the carrying "across" from one language into another. In our verse of the day, Paul tells the church in Rome that there is a need for them to be transformed. Yet what did Paul mean by this statement, and if they were believer's, hadn't they already been born again, and thus already transformed in their spirits?

Transform your mind. Biblical scholars and well studied Christians will agree that Paul was not writing to unbelievers in his letters which we call the Book of Romans. Paul was indeed writing to the church who had received the Holy Spirit, and yes, they indeed were already transformed in their spirits. Surely they indeed would no longer pay the penalty for sin when they died, and their salvation was secure in Christ. Yet while their spirits had been translated into the kingdom of light(God) from the kingdom of darkness, their minds had not yet been brought across. Thus there was still a need for them to be transformed in their minds.

God's WILL. While these Christians loved God and were in the army of the Lord and the family of Christ, they were not fully walking in God's WILL (purpose, perspective guided by knowledge). We know this because Paul states that the reason for transforming our minds is so that we can know God's perfect WILL. The WORD of God is what we have to transform and change our minds, bringing it across from death to light. This enables us to not only be saved from hell but it also allows us to be productive Christians, knowing and doing God's perfect WILL.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Your spirit has come across the great chasm, now bring your mind across as well.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for saving me and not leaving me in the kingdom of darkness. While my spirit has fully come across, my mind has not. I think about things that I should not at times, and I have difficulty remembering other things that I should be thinking about (praying more, being grateful, etc). Please transform my mind as I read your Holy Bible, so that I will not only know but do your perfect WILL.



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