

If God Is For Us...I Am Free To Live A Transformed Life!

If God Is For Us, Pt.2

Romans 8:5-17

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Romans 12:2, *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.*

To Live A Transformed Life:

1. We Have Two OPTIONS

Romans 8:5, *Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.*

- **Walk According To The FLESH**
- **Walk According To The SPIRIT**

Psalms 139:23, *Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.*

2. We Have One Of Two RESULTS

Romans 8:6, *The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.*

- **Walking According To The Flesh Is MEANINGLESS**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, *"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."*

Ecclesiastes 1:12, *I, the Teacher, was King over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens... ¹⁴I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.*

Ecclesiastes 2:1, *I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good." But that also proved to be meaningless.*

(Matthew 7:13)

- **Walking According To The Spirit Leads To LIFE AND PEACE**

Isaiah 26:3, *You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You. ⁴Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD Himself, is the Rock eternal.*

3. We Have One OBLIGATION

Romans 8:12, *Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Psalms 51:10, *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

Cottonwood Creek Challenge:

Read Romans 8:5-8 every day and ask yourself:

- What parts of my life are still governed by the flesh? (Family, Vocation, Conversation, Actions, Finances, Relationships)

- How would my life be different if it was governed by the Spirit and not the flesh? (Family, Vocation, Conversation, Actions, Finances, Relationships)
- Who can hold me accountable as I pursue a Spirit-led life of freedom?