

## Transformations Work in the Church

### Romans 12

- I. Intro
  - A. Our direction: for every member to continue the transformation process and serve, give, and stand together for the cause of Christ.
  - B. We need to receive this challenge and sacrifice for its complete work in us.
  - C. He's still working on me:
    - 1. Song lyrics from my childhood
    - 2. He is patient with us, but working all the time
- II. Text
  - A. Verses 1-2:
    - 1. Transform: metamorphoo, change
    - 2. Some word as when Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John
  - B. Verses 3-8:
    - 1. Serve as you are gifted
    - 2. Serve within the body
  - C. Verses 9-13
    - 1. Show the love of Christ that is in you through an outward expression
    - 2. Serve the body, serve with love, serve...
  - D. Verses 14-21
    - 1. The actions of faith in the world
    - 2. Serve with the body, but be prepared for the difficulty on the world
- III. Point
  - A. The Body:
    - 1. Connected by Grace v3
    - 2. Connected in Unity for a purpose vv 4-5
    - 3. Connected in individual work v 6
    - 4. Serve v 7
    - 5. Teach v 7
    - 6. Exhort v 8
    - 7. Giving v 8
    - 8. Lead v 8
    - 9. Show mercy v 8
    - 10. Love well v 9
    - 11. Hate evil v 9
    - 12. Cling to good v 10
    - 13. Fervent in Spirit v 11
  - B. The Gathering
    - 1. Serves together (we are saved to do good works)
    - 2. Prays together (power in prayer)
    - 3. Gives together (God promises blessing when we tangibly give)
    - 4. Study together (we need collaboration)
    - 5. Weeps together (know each other)
    - 6. Laughs together (celebrate victories)
    - 7. Includes others together (all are given worth by God)
    - 8. Forgives together (there is too much to do to be bogged down in unforgiveness)
    - 9. Stands together (we need each other)
  - C. Important Decisions
    - 1. Salvation
      - a) In order to be connected to the body, you have to be a believer
      - b) Salvation brings the power and unity of the presence of Christ
    - 2. Membership
      - a) Is a commitment to be all in

- b) We commit to serve together and sacrifice together
- 3. Service
  - a) Learning your giftedness comes through involvement with the body
  - b) We connect to make our service more directed and effective
- 4. Giving
  - a) We give tithes and offerings
  - b) Our weekly budget needs increase this year by about \$1100 per week, this takes all of us giving
  - c) Our building project:
    - (1) We have \$580K yet to raise
    - (2) We have raised a lot of money, and the project is 2/3rd paid for, we need to pray and ask the Lord how He wants to do this in us and through us.

#### IV. Close

He's still working on me Lyrics:

He's still working on me  
 To make me what I need to be  
 It took him just a week to make the moon and stars  
 The sun and the earth and Jupiter and Mars  
 How loving and patient He must be  
 'Cause He's still workin' on me

There really ought to be a sign upon my heart  
 Don't judge him yet, there's an unfinished part  
 But I'll be better just according to His plan  
 Fashioned by the Master's loving hands

In the mirror of His word  
 Reflections that I see  
 Makes me wonder why He never gave up on me  
 But He loves me as I am and helps me when I pray  
 Remember He's the potter, I'm the clay

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**Do's and Dont's in Romans 12:**

Do not lack in zeal  
Do not curse  
Do not be proud  
Do not be conceited  
Do not repay anyone evil for evil.  
Do not take revenge  
Do not be overcome by evil

9b Cling to what is good.  
10 Be devoted to one another in love.  
Honor one another above yourselves.  
11b Keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.  
12 Be joyful in hope,  
[Be] patient in affliction,  
[Be] faithful in prayer.  
13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need.  
Practice hospitality.  
14a Bless those who persecute you  
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice  
Mourn with those who mourn.  
16 Live in harmony with one another.  
Be willing to associate with people of low position.  
17 Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.  
18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.  
19b Leave room for God's wrath  
21 Overcome evil with good.