



A Transformed Life:

Renewing our Minds by the Mercies of God

Sunday, January 9, 2022

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- *Romans 12:1 – 2*

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

- *Philippians 1:9 – 10*

Discipleship is more a matter of hungering and thirsting than of knowing and believing. Jesus' command to follow Him is a command to align our longings and loves with His... He does not just inform our intellect but forms our very loves... What if the center and seat of the human person is found not in the heady regions of the intellect, but in the gut-level regions of the heart? How would that change our approach to discipleship and Christian formation?

James K. A. Smith, You Are What You Love

Sermon Outline:

1. The Basis of our Transformation: Our Response to the Mercies of God (11:30 – 32; 12:1)
2. The Scope of our Transformation: Our Bodies Presented to God (12:1)
3. The Requirement for our Transformation: Our Minds Renewed in God (12:2)
4. The Result of our Transformation: Our Lives Revealing the Will of God (12:2)

Questions for Reflection:

- How much of your life is motivated by 'the mercies of God'? How is it shown?
- How is the Christian's view of his / her body different than the world's view?
- What is the evidence of having a renewed mind? What does it result in?
- How do you know if you are living in the will of God day by day?