

“The Man Behind The Mask”

True Christianity in
Romans 12:2

“Conformed”

English word scheme or schematic

Merely an outward frame without inward essence.

Masquerading; passing transience

“Conformed”

Paul is NOT talking about
unbelievers acting like
believers, but he is talking about
believers acting like
unbelievers!

“World”

= “age, generation, earthly culture”

Matthew 13:22

“...seed among the thorns...
...worries of this age...
...choke the Word...”

“This Age”

Galatians 1:4 “it is evil”

2 Corinthians 4:4 “Satan rules this age”

1 John 5:19 “under power of Satan”

“This Age, World”

“All that floating mass of thoughts, opinions, speculation, hopes, impulses, aims, aspirations, at any time current in the world, which may be impossible to define, but it exerts real power because it is the moral or immoral atmosphere which at every moment of our lives we inhale and exhale.” **Trench**

“This Age, World”

“The subtle informing spirit of the
world of men who
are living alienated
and apart from
God”

Bengel

“This Age, World”

“World here represents the
sum of the
demonic-human
philosophy of life.”

MacArthur

“Transformed”

= “adjustment of parts, rearrange, change”

English = **“metamorphosis”**

A change in the outward appearance that is the result of inward change.

“Transformed”

“To put on another form;
to change the form of
the world for the
form of Christianity.”

Barnes

Matthew 17:2

“Transformed”

Verb is passive = “you allow yourself to be”

2 Corinthians 3:18

Ephesians 5:18

“Renewing”

= “renovating”

Change of thinking by Spirit & Word

Colossians 1:28; 3:10; 3:16

Psalms 119:11; Ephesians 5:18

John 17:14-18

“Mind”

= “mental process; inner being”

Transformation begins with thinking!

Hebrews 4:12; Galatians 5:16

= “continual actions; habitual lifestyle”

“Prove”

= “the result; goal; outcome”

“testing metals to prove quality”

Obedience to God’s Word proves His Word to be true! I test it and see!

John 7:16-17

“Good, Acceptable, Perfect”

1. Good for us.
2. Acceptable to God.
3. Perfect in quality – “complete, full”
 - A. God’s will is good, acceptable.....
 - B. My living, holy sacrifice is ...