

Transformed ~ Conformed

(The New Standard in Messiah)

The word *transformed*, in Rom 12:2, has everything to do with the word *conformed*. Being transformed has everything to do with NOT *being conformed to this world*. Without being *transformed*, no one can do the will of God (*prove* what the will of God actually is; Mal 3:18).

The *new commandment*, in Jn 13:34-35 and *bearing the fruit of the vine*, in Jn 15:8, has everything to do with *being transformed* to do His will on earth. Love (Jn 13:34) is the *proof* of *who belongs to God and who does not*. In the same way, 1 Jn 3:14 proves, even to ourselves (giving us confidence), that we have actually passed out of eternal death and into eternal life. The world will see the evidence of His life within us by our unity and love for one another (Jn 17:23).

The New Standard

Jn 13:34 presents a new standard. No one can love as He loved without Him in them (Jn 14:18). *Orphans* can't know the Father's love for them. This new standard raised up on the earth is the love of God in Messiah Yahshua. By observing this love, all men will know that they are *His disciples and no one else's*.

The *servant-like, selfless love* that *only* disciples display toward one another *witnesses* to the world that they are His disciples and that He is their God (Isa 43:10-12). This love is *displayed* by encouraging one another *day after day* (Heb 3:13). We must consider how to *stimulate* one another to *love and good deeds* (Heb 10:24). This love compels us to “see to it that *no one comes short of the grace* of God” (Heb 12:15). If this is ever to be done (to become a reality), it requires a people *living* as Acts 2:44-45. To do this *daily* requires an *environment* created by *obeying the gospel of Messiah* (Lk 9:23).

On a *daily basis*, we all need to love and be loved. If the Church is not a Community, then it can't be done. Where else can we love one another on a *daily basis* if it is not Community? Acts 2:44-45 is a Community where we all *live together, work together*, and

worship together. There is no *feasibility* of obeying His commandments *outside* of Community (Jn 8:51). So all people outside of Eph 2:12 are without hope, without God, and *conformed* to the world (Mt 6:31-32). This new standard will be Jn 16:8-11; 13:35; 15:8; 17:23; Mal 3:18; Mt 24:14; 21:43; and Isa 49:6.

Transformed — to change in nature, disposition of heart and character, change shape or form.

Conform — to shape in accordance with, to make like, to bring in harmony or agreement with, to be in accord or harmony, to comply, obedient, submit.

Conformable — corresponding in form, character, opinions.

Education

Public schools and education of higher learning (colleges and universities) is a *prime example* of the *conformity to this world*. What does a child growing up into adulthood *learn* in public schools and colleges that would *disallow* him to ever be able to be transformed by the renewing of his mind? What does one learn in the world's schools and universities that would prohibit obeying the Word and commandments of God in Rom 12:2? Will that person see Death? (Jn 8:55). Can one continue in His Word, His teachings and be involved in Public Education? Can one be a *true disciple*, be set free (Jn 8:31-32), be transformed by the renewing of his mind? His Word brings deliverance from Death (Jn 8:51). What do you think *being conformed to this world* means? (1 Jn 2:4,15). It means you have never come to *the experience* of Rom 5:5.

Conformed (#4964) — *Do not be conformed* means: do not fall in with the *external* and fleeting *customs and fashions* of this age, nor be *fashioned* to them. But undergo a *deep inner change* (2 Cor 3:18). *Fashioned* means *shaped by them*.

Fashionable — (College) education fashions you through its *molding process of your mind*.

Christians are *in mode*, *in style* with the world (*in vogue*). They have the latest in every thing of the world:

Appearance

Attitude

Demeanor

Configuration

Figure

Form

Pattern

They conform to the shape of this world; they are trendy, up-to-date, up to the minute, “a la mode”, all the go, all the rage — fashionable. This is in startling contrast to Acts 2:38-45.

Transform (#3339) — *Denoting change and condition to form; fashion to Messiah's new standard* on Earth (Jn 13:34-35; Acts 2:42,44,45); to change *inwardly and outwardly; a visible process* in disciples which takes place in the Community. How can one's mind be *renewed* in a *worldly college* — the archetype, embodiment, or epitome (essence) of this world's trends, customs, and designs of fashions and immorality. All these things *mold the mind of humans* to the world's customs.

“Be *transformed* by the renewing of your mind” by NOT being *conformed* to this world (#165). As Peter spoke on the day Pentecost, with many other words, he kept on exhorting them about this *evil perverse world* — *to come out of it and into* what is described in the following verses (Acts 2:37-47).

Instead, we are to be *devoted* to Acts 2:42 as it *unconforms* us from this world so we can be transformed by the renewing of our mind. 1 Cor 2:16 — We take on the mind of Messiah, not the world. Isa 53:10 — Only these can carry out *His will* (only those who know His perfect will and purpose, His good pleasure).

Being devoted to Acts 2:42, being just *normal believers*, doing what all who believe do (verses 44-45) *informs* the world of *Mal 3:18*. When the *whole nation* is devoted to Acts 2:42,

then Isa 49:6 comes into fruition (along with Mt 21:43, and lastly Mt 24:14, along with Rev 11:15). This is all brought about and done by Heb 10:13, since He ascended (Acts 2:33-35; 3:21; Isa 49:8; Rev 11:15; Acts 26:6-7; Gen 15:18; 18:19).

It all goes back to Abraham and the covenants of promise made to Abraham and David (2 Sam 7; Acts 2:34-35; Ps 110:1). All of this is Israel's HOPE. The hope of Israel is IN MESSIAH (2 Sam 7:24,12,13).