

Transformation
Romans 12:1-3
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Thesis: I want to show how God's Word can change mankind.

- Intro:
1. Various things in this life can change you.
 - a. Relationship issues
 - b. Family troubles
 - c. Work problems, etc
 2. The Word of God, unlike other things, can change mankind for the better.

- I. People are formed in a few ways
- A. By genetics (**Ex 20:5; 1 Pt 1:18-20**)
 - B. By surroundings (**1 Cor 15:33**)
 - C. By instruction (**John 6:44-45**)

- II. People are informed
- A. Some might be uninformed (**Eph 4:17-20**)
 1. Some refused to be taught (**Mt 13:15-16**)
 2. Some are willfully ignorant (**2 Pt 3:1-8**)
 - B. Some may be misinformed (**1 Jn 4:1**)
 - C. The truth can inform our minds (**2 Pt 1:3-4**)

- III. The Possibility of Transformation (**Rom 12:1-2**)
- A. Illustration: People work to transform the outside but sometimes forget about the inside (Think about plastic surgery, it only changes the outside)
 - B. God wants to transform us inside.
 - C. **Transform Defined – make a thorough or dramatic change in the form, appearance, or character of something.**

Application & Conclusion:

1. Consider the transformation of the caterpillar to a butterfly; a complete change.
2. God changed Saul to Paul and he was changed from the inside out (**Acts 26:9-11, Gal 1:23**).
3. When you allow God's word to instruct and inform your mind then you will be transformed from the inside out.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9