

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1418: How Do I Know if I Am REALLY Following Jesus? (Part II)

See:



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1. **Romans 12:1** Review the foundation by describing the focuses and essential actions found here:
 - a. Recognition (Romans 11:33)
 - b. Awe (1 Peter 2:10)
 - c. Gratitude (Ephesians 2:8)
 - d. Humility (1 Corinthians 1:27)
 - e. Intentional self-denial (Luke 9:23)
 - f. Adopting a new mindset (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)
 - g. Full engagement (Philippians 3:13-14)
2. Why would dying be considered “gain”? Who is the bride of Christ? For what has she made herself ready? Who “gains” from her death? (Philippians 1:21, Revelation 19:7-8, 21:1-4)
3. **Romans 12:2** *And do not be conformed to this world...*
 - a. Why is it important we be in nonconformity with the world externally, in the time in which we live? (John 18:36)
 - b. Why is it important we be in nonconformity with our old selves—the internal part of us that longs for and craves our former lives? (1 Peter 1:13-14)
 - c. What does nonconformity require of us? (Matthew 4:18-20, 8:18-20, Luke 9:23-24, Philippians 4:12-13)
4. Which “conformities” in your life are hindering your growth in Christ?
5. **Romans 12:2** *but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*
 - a. In what way are Christ’s followers “new creatures”? (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - b. What practical changes should result as a new creature develops? (Philippians 3:13-15)
6. **Romans 12:2** *so that you may prove what the will of God is...*
 - a. Why is it important to prove (to try, to scrutinize) whether what we are being taught is truly from God? What does this gain us? (1 Thessalonians 5:21, 1 John 4:1)
 - b. How do we do this?
7. **Romans 12:2** *that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*
 - a. What do these things tell us about expectations for our behavior? (James 3:17, Ephesians 5:10, Philippians 4:18)
 - b. Are we expected to be perfect in our behavior and mindset as developing new creatures? Explain. (Matthew 5:48, Colossians 4:12) What is the definition of “perfect”?
8. Compare the transformation in **2 Corinthians 11:13-15** with the transformation expected of Jesus’ followers? What are our defenses against these deceptions? (Romans 8:35-39)
9. In what ways do you see transformation happening to you in your walk with Christ? Which activities (like prayer, Bible study, fellowship with other believers) would support and strengthen your transformation?