Sermon Outline
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My Thoughts Lead the Way

Romans 12:2

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The reason for this close look***..."_____"***. Truth...we must learn its practice.

What we research today in vs. 2 is built upon vs. 1. ***Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy,*** (which Paul has defined with great detail through 11 chapters) ***to offer*** ('present'- παραστῆσαι- Active) ***your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.***

He is talking about a **"_____".** My life is called to be a living expression of Worship that I present in honor to the Lord.

How does a living presentation function?

It starts with a **_____:** *Do not conform to the pattern of this world*... συσχηματίζεσθε syschēmatizesthe There is a 'scheme' in there.

The instruction then moves to define the _____ _____..."mind transformation".
...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Transformed --- μεταμορφοῦσθε metamorphousthe _____

Renewed --- ἀνακαινώσει anakanoosi _____

This renewed mind is a mind _____.

2 Cor. 10:3-5
3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Some facts of the Christian practice that we need to acknowledge:

1. You are in a _____.
2. The enemy is _____.
3. The primary weapons of war are _____.
4. The battlefield is the _____.

The world _____ than the Christian.

a. The world begins with _____and tries to avoid or at least pretend that death isn't coming.
b. The Christian begins at the point of _____and backs up to find the fullness of life.