



TRINITY

Methodist Church

Online Worship Service

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Bible Reading

Roman 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.

SERMON

“ Generation N ”



Generation N

ROMAN 12: 2



Generation N

- Generation of Numbness.
- As a Christian, we may experience spiritual numbness.



Why numbness? How to be awakened?

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Roman 12: 2

BACKGROUND:

- Roman 12: 2 is dedicated to Christian, on how we should live a new life as a Christian.
- The key word which related to spiritual numbness is -“world”.

“World” in the bible comes from 4 different Greeks:

- **Kosmos**: World we live, and things that go against God.
- **Aion**: Generation
- **Oikoumene**: Earth.
- **Bebelos**: Pointless and things without value.

In summary, do not conform the pattern of this “world”, it means those things that against God, which are pointless and without any value.



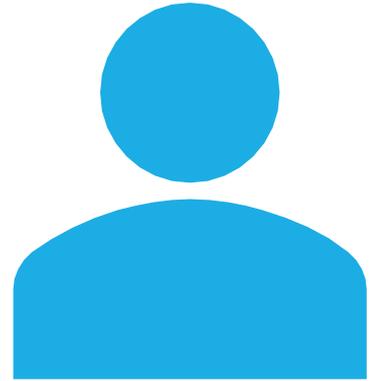
When we chronically
put ourselves in the
“**world**”, naturally
we become **numb**
to Godly things, God’s
word and His will.

1. Do Not Conform. (to the pattern of this world)

- It means don't let this world teach us how to live our life, or don't let this world shape our life, or become the model of our life.
- "World" can be different things, which include value.
- Consumerism: Increasing one's value and life quality based on materials and services received through consuming.

Consumerism

- Emphasize on lifestyle or culture which focus on personal benefit.
- Induce our endless greedy desire.



2. Be Transformed (by the renewing of your mind)

- Mind is our conscious, it is where we think, we feel, and we desire.
- Numbness means that we can't think rationally, we can't feel the right feelings and we can't desire the right things.

Renew: Renewal, complete change for the better.

- Renew on how we see, feel and respond to this “world”.
- Believe in Christ to be born again.
(1st John 3:9 ; John 14: 16-17)
- Walk by the Holy Spirit.
(Gal 5: 16; Rom 8: 5; 1st Thess 5: 19)

3. Test and Approve God' s Will

- “TEST”: Refining gold and silver, or removing dross.
- Through Renewal, we removing deception from Satan.

God's will can be categorized into 3 groups.

1. Determined Will. (John 3: 16)
2. Willing Will. (Luke 13: 34)
3. Command. (1st Thess 5: 16-18)

***God's will is—
his good, pleasing and perfect will.***

The world make you numb, it is Satan will. In this case, you must:

1. Do not conform
2. Be transformed
3. Test and Approve God's will

