

# Transformed Together

## **Intro:**

Acts 9:4

It is impossible to love Jesus and not His church...or is it (VR Church)

## **Problem:**

1 Cor 1:10-15;

The Corinthian church was marked by  
Pride, selfishness and ambition

1 Cor 2:14-3:4

It was not just the Word that the Corinthians could not accept but the true nature of the church  
The church is a spiritual organization requiring the mind of Christ to truly appreciate and love  
They still needed to be transformed by the renewing of their minds...

Rom 12:1-2

The first transformation of a renewed mind has to do with our attitude about church and our place in it.

2 Cor 10:3-5

A renewed mind means rejecting our natural attitudes of pride, selfishness and ambition and conforming to supernatural ones of Christ

## **Main idea:**

Do not be conformed to your former pride  
Be conformed to the cross of Christ

Do not be conformed to your former selfishness  
Be conformed to the community of Christ

Do not be conformed to your former ambition  
Be conformed to the contentment of Christ

## **Implication:**

Heb 12:1-2

We need the humility, the heart and the happiness of Christ

## **Application:**

Eph 2:10

We need you

We need your humility

We need your dedication

We need your gifts

and you need us

For we are transformed together

## **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.9marks.org/article/you-cant-love-jesus-without-loving-his-church/>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/seven-subtle-symptoms-of-pride>

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/karl-vaters/2016/february/four-reasons-i-love-church-unapologetically.html>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/how-do-i-discover-my-spiritual-gift/>

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Text:

**Do not be conformed to your former pride**

**Be conformed to the cross of Christ**

Rom. 12:3 ¶ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you **not to think of himself more highly (hyper-phronein) than he ought to think (phronein)**, but to think (phronein) with **sober judgment (so-phronein)**, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Col 3:1-17 (a renewed mind transforms our behavior with other people - the church implied)

Phil 2:1-11 (we are called to conform to the humility of Christ - not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less- how?)

Phil 3:12-17 (the Christian life appears to be a linear progression of self improvement but its not)

Gal 1:11, 15-17; 2:6 -> 1 Tim 1:15 (yet here is where Paul ended up)

Eph 1:15-23 (as the cross gets bigger = more gratitude and humility = transformed by renewal of the mind)

1 Jn 1:3-10 (humility is not optional in the church)

**Do not be conformed to your former selfishness**

**Be conformed to the community of Christ**

Rom. 12:4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

Rom. 12:5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually **members one of another.**

Gen 4:9 (Do not be conformed to your former selfishness)

John 17:17-23 (called to conform to the community of Christ)

1 Cor 12:4-27 (unity is not uniformity - but what does it look like?)

Eph 4:1-16 (unity looks like coordination to accomplish the will of God -gifts are not toys but tools for building up)

heb 10:24-25 (church is not optional in your christianity)

**Do not be conformed to your former ambition**

**Be conformed to the contentment of Christ**

Rom. 12:6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy (2 pet 1:21), in proportion to our (the) faith;

Rom. 12:7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

Rom. 12:8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Num 16:1-35 (Do not be conformed to your former ambition)

Mark 10:32-45 (comparison is the thief of joy - renew your mind about true greatness- spiritual gifts are not merit badges)

Jn 13:1-17 (be conformed to the service of Christ...how?)

Heb 12:1-2 (renew your mind about true joy - He did not pick but took joy in the path set before Him- use the gifts you have)

eph 2:10 (knowing you are gifted is more important than knowing what you're gifted in everyone is in full time ministry,