

Romans 8:28-34 KJV And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. (29) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* <u>conformed</u> to the <u>image of his Son</u>, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. (30) Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.



Many times in the past I have over heard someone say, he looks just like his daddy, or she looks just like her mother. It is rather obvious, that to be conformed to some-

thing is to look like it. The word conformed means: to be the same as or very similar to something or somebody, or make something similar. The word Conformed only appears 2 times in the King James Version of the Bible, and then, of those two times, both are in the New Testament. One time is in Romans 8:29. The other time is in Romans 12:2:

And be not <u>conformed</u> to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The word <u>conformed</u> means: to be the same as or very similar to something or somebody, but being <u>Transformed</u> means to be in the process of being changed, and in this verse, <u>it means to</u> <u>have a change of mind</u> concerning God's will and purpose for your life. We are to seek out, prove His (1) Good, (2) Acceptable and (3) Perfect will for our lives and our life path.

This <u>Transformation</u> will cause us to <u>Conform</u> to the Image of God, something that is desired by most serious Christians.

I. This is a Good Transformation

This is a Good transformation because things that are good originate in Heaven.

James 1:16-17 KJV Do not err, my beloved brethren. (17) <u>Every good gift and every per-</u><u>fect gift is from above</u>, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

II. This is a Acceptable Transformation

This is an Acceptable Transformation because we do not belong to ourselves. We have been bought with a price, the Blood of Jesus, God's own dear Son.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 KJV (19) What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own?** (20) For ye are **bought with a price**: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's**.

III. This is a Perfect Transformation

This is a Perfect Transformation because when we have been completely transformed, we will shall be like Jesus.

1 John 3:1-3 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, **that we should be called the sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. (2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, **and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him;** for we shall see him as he is. (3) And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

It is not about us at all — But it is all about Jesus!