

TRANSFORMATION, (#2)
[The Mechanics of Transformation]

Teleiology is a theology term used to describe the study of spiritual growth maturity in Christian Way of Life.

(Heb.5:14) “But solid food is for the mature (teleios), who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.” (Matt.4:4)

We are studying 12 church age doctrines that are essential for spiritual growth maturity. Today we are studying the ninth Teleiology doctrine:

Grace	Positional Truth	Angelic Conflict
Dispensations	Spiritual Gifts	Forgiveness
Spirituality	The Will of God	Transformation
The Faith Cycle	Suffering	

Last week we studied Paul’s introduction to the doctrine of Transformation from Rom.12:1-2.

We learned that the body (soma) and the mind (nous) were both important to Transformation (metamorphoo).

Metamorphoo (meta +morphoo) refers to a change in form or function on the basis of “renewing of your mind” regarding the directive will of God (that you may prove what the will of God is that which is good and acceptable and perfect” (Rom.12:2).

We will examine our lesson text by the following two homiletical points.

(Col.3:8-9) **put off** (apotithemi / a.m.impv.2pl) and **lay aside** (apekduomai / a.m.ptc.nplm) old man cosmos diabolicus thinking (ton palaios anthropos tas praxis).

(Col.3:10-11) **put on** (enduo / a.m.ptc.nplm) and **be renewed to a true knowledge** (ton anakainoo / p.p.ptc.asm / epignosis) new man divine viewpoint thinking (neos) according (kata+acc. of norm and standard) to the image of the One who created him – **a renewal in which** there is no distinction but Christ is all and in all.

Just like last week (Rom.12:1-2), Paul taught that there is a **negative and a positive involved in the mechanics to Transformation:**

(Col.3:8-11).**Put off** old man (do not be conformed) and **put on** new man (be transformed)

This lesson is part two of the Mechanics of Transformation

1. Some believe that Paul was simply talking about putting off the Old Sin Nature (OSN).

They believe so by Paul’s referenced to the old man of Rom.6:5-7. Therefore they believe confession of sins takes care of the problem (1 John 1:9; Rom.6:5-7).

This would be putting off without the need of putting on in order to complete the will of God (Rom.12:1-2). Confession of sin in order to walk by means of Holy Spirit would be the body part of Rom.12:1-2. But we still have the mind part to complete transformation – “by renewing of mind.” (Rom.12:2).

2. Paul is encouraging a different way of thinking and behaving.

He does so by the reference to the “new man being renewed to a true knowledge (epignosis) according to the image of the One who created him.” (Col.3:10; 1:15; Rom.8:29; 2 Cor.3:18)

Paul began by commanding us to put off from oneself (apotithemi / **a.m.impv/ main verb**) **cultural behavior sins** (OMCD) (Col. 3:7-11; Gal.3:28) by “being renewed in the spirit of your mind (Eph.4:23).”

Grammar: The action of the participle occurs at same time as the main verb.

- While at the same time laying aside from oneself (apekduomai / a.m.ptc) [list of six things] (Col.3:8-9)
- While at the same time putting on oneself (enduo / a.m.ptc) [8 things] (Col.3:10-14).
- While at the same time receiving renewing (ton anakainoo / p.p.ptc) (Col.3:10) [continuous process] to a true knowledge (epignosis) [right lobe].

Goal: “Transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove (to dokimazo / p.a.infin) [absolute results of divine testing connected with transformation] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Rom.12:2) [DIRECTIVE WILL OF GOD] (Eph.4:24; Col.3:10-11; Eph.5:17)

3. In Rom.12:2, Paul commanded the Church Age Believer (CAB) to stop being conformed (me suschematizo / p.p.impv.2pl) to this world (cosmos).

Then, Paul explains what it means to be conformed to this world by listing cultural sins.

(Col.3:8-9) “And in them you also walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, put them all aside.” (Col.3:5-8a; Eph.4:22)

Cosmos diabolicus is the system of worldly thinking promoted by Satan. Paul illustrated this by Adam and Eve

(2 Cor.11:3-4) “But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. For if one comes and preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautiful.” (2 Cor.4:4; 2 Tim.2:26; Eph.4:14)

This was also illustrated in Jesus’ confrontation with Peter:

(Matt.16:21-23) “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”

4. Transformation takes place by putting off OMCD thinking and by putting on NMDV thinking, i.e. by cycling The Word of God (BD) or by having had your mind renewed.

- **Renewed** (ton anakainoo / p.p.ptc.asm) to a true knowledge according to the One who created him” (**Col.3:10**).
- **Renewing** (te anakainosis / inst.sf) of your mind that you may prove what the will of God is that which is good and acceptable and perfect” (**Rom.12:2**)
- **Renewed** (**ananeoomai** / p.p.infin) in the spirit of your mind.” (**Eph.4:23-24**)

The Mechanics of Transformation (Rom.12:1-2; Eph.4:22-24; **6:6**; Col.3:5-14; **1 John 3:19-20**; **Ps.51:10**)

OUR SOUL

(2 Cor.3:3; 4:6; James 1:6-8)

Self-consciousness

Conscience

Left lobe **Mentality** **Right lobe**

Volition

Emotion