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The Daily Renewing Of Your Mind

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Text: Romans 12:1-2

Place: Most likely Corinth, or possibly Cenchrea (6 miles from Corinth)

Time: 57 AD

To: The church in Rome (predominantly Gentiles)

- Paul wrote the letter to the church in Rome as he traveled on his third missionary journey. He had left Antioch in Syria in 53 AD, made his way through Galatia visiting churches that he had started on his earlier missionary journeys, spent three years in Ephesus of Asia Minor instructing them about baptism, travels on through Macedonia encouraging churches he planted on his 2nd missionary journey, travels south to Greece, (to the city of Corinth at which he writes the letter to the Romans), where he spends only three months and before he hears of a plot against him and heads back north to Philippi where he celebrates the Feast of Unleavened Bread and then begins the long journey back to Jerusalem.
- The entire 3rd missionary journey took approximately 5 years, 53 – 58 AD. After returning to Jerusalem, Paul is arrested and jailed for two years and eventually sent to Rome as a prisoner.
- The book of Acts ends with Paul as a prisoner in Rome for two years, but evidence from later letters suggest that he was eventually released, conducted a fourth missionary journey and later was arrested again.
- Christian tradition states that Paul was executed by Nero sometime between 64 – 67 AD.

- ❖ What are some issues going on in the world today that cause people to be confused in their thinking?
- ❖ Why should we not take our values from the world around us?
- ❖ What happens when people just follow the ways and thinking of the world?
 - **Proverbs 14:12** *“There is a _____ that _____ right to a man, but its end is the way to _____.”*
 - **Judges 21:25** *“In those days there was no _____ in Israel. _____ did what was right in his _____ eyes.”*

Read Romans 12:1-2

Some key words...

P _____

L _____ S _____

H _____

A _____

Greek definition of each word or phrase...

To stand beside, to exhibit

To live, offering

Set apart by (or for) God

Well-pleasing (especially to God), grateful

S _____ W _____	Reasonable, rational and Service rendered to God
C _____	To fashion alike
T _____	Transfigure, Greek (metamorphousthe)
R _____ of your M _____	Change of heart and life and intellect
T _____	Examination, as to test knowledge
D _____	To approve

- What does Paul mean when he says, “Do not be conformed to this world?”
- Is it possible for an immersed believer in Christ to still be following the pattern of this world?
 - **Read Romans 7:15-20**
- In order not to be conformed to the world, Paul says that we must be “transformed.” What does he mean by “be transformed?”
 - If we are not daily transformed, what happens to our thinking?

Pray about these four ways that we can daily have our minds renewed:

- ❖ Change your thinking from the negative to the positive – center on Jesus.
- ❖ Purify your heart through fellowship and prayer with the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Feed your mind the Word and let God’s thoughts become your thoughts?
 - **Colossians 3:2** *“Set your _____ on things that are _____, not on things that are on _____.”*
- ❖ Walk in victory!
 - **Romans 8:31b** *“If _____ is for us, who can be _____ us.”*