BE TRANSFORMED

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

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Its all Greek...

suschematizo To fashion like, to conform

Point: 1

We have <u>already conformed</u> to the pattern of this world.

Peter 1:14 (NIV)

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

Do we see...

- the Lord adding to our number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:47)
- a lame man walking and jumping, and praising God. (Acts 3:8)
- after a prayer meeting, the place where they were meeting shaken (Acts 4:31)
- a sermon that went until midnight (Acts 20:7)
- a dead young man raised to life (Acts 20:10)

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aion Age (where we get the English word eon)

2 Cor 4:4 (NIV)

The god of this **age** has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

John 10:10 (NIV)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Point: 2

The pattern of this world is destruction

Destruction...

- individuals destroyed
- families destroyed
- societies destroyed

John 8:44 (NIV)

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Col 2:4 (NIV)

I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.

Col 2:8 (NIV)

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

1 Chr 12:32 (NIV)

men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do--200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command;

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metamorphoo Transform (where we get the English word metamorphosis)

2 Cor 3:18 (NIV)

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Eph 5:26 (NIV)

to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

Point: 3

Renew your mind through the Word of God_.

James 1:22 (NIV)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Conclusion