

Dig Deeper

For *TRANSFORMED: Present*

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Romans 12:1

- Jesus saves us *from* sin and *for* transformation into Christlikeness. Stott says that the purpose of God for the people of God is to become like Jesus. How does this shift the way you think about the purpose of the Christian life here on earth?
- Paul's original audience believed the body didn't matter, only the "inner life." Where do you see that same mindset showing up in how people (including yourself) think about faith today?
- "Presenting our bodies" includes both the inner life (mind) and the outer life (actions). In what areas of your life do you find it easiest to keep faith "internal," and what would it look like to bring those areas into concrete obedience?
- The motivation for presenting ourselves is "the mercies of God" detailed in Romans 1–11. How do God's mercies provide motivation?
- If presenting our bodies is our "logical service," then *not* presenting yourself after beholding God's mercies is irrational. Do you agree? Why might someone who genuinely believes the gospel still resist full self-offering?
- Presenting your body is "to make yourself available to God and then act on where He directs." What would it practically look like for you to "make yourself available" this week — at work, at home, or somewhere else?
- If you were honest about the current state of your "presenting," would you say you are actively offering yourself to God, merely assenting to the idea, or somewhere in between—and what next step might the Spirit be prompting?
- Behold, Renew, and Present are presented as three connected movements. Which of the three comes easiest to you, and which feels hardest to actually live out? Why do you think that is?

- If you had to explain "Behold, Renew, Present" to someone outside the church in your own words — without using any of Paul's or the sermon's language — how would you describe what it means and why it matters?