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How do we renew our minds?

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Introduction

I realize that some of you who are reading this book will disagree with my thoughts, and that if perfectly fine with me.

There are two things that I will ask of you before you even begin to read. Please take these requests seriously as they just may affect the way you understand what I am writing about.

First, I ask that you say a prayer for understanding. Not that you will believe what I have written, but that you will be led into the truth, whether you find it here in this message or you find it somewhere else. I believe in the power of prayer, so I also believe that to find the truth about God, wherever you may be looking for it, it is vital to ask God for His guidance and direction. Please do not just read over this, but stop now and offer a prayer for understanding. It need not be a long prayer, just a quick request for God's guidance.

Secondly, I ask that you will get your bible and then wherever I quote from scripture, I ask that you turn to that scripture in your own bible and make sure that what I have quoted is accurate. Please do not believe me, but believe your Bible.

The Bible that I have chosen to use for references in this book is the "World English Bible" (WEB). If you have a different version of the bible that is perfectly OK. The wording may be different, but I am sure you will find the meaning of the verses to be the same.

I am thrilled to think that someone has seen fit to read this book, and I sincerely hope you gain a lot of pleasure and understanding from these pages.

I pray that our amazing God will lead you into truth from His word, The Holy Bible. Please read the following scripture from the book of John and think on the true meaning of this verse.

2Ti 3:16 Every Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness,

All scripture means both the old and the new testaments. Remember that the only scriptures that were available to Jesus and His disciples were those contained in the old testament. It was the Apostles that wrote the books of the new testament, so they would not have been available during their lifetimes.

Jesus Christ Does Not Change

Can you imagine the chaos in this world if God kept changing His mind about any of His laws. We would never know if we were in the right or the wrong from one day to the next day.

What is good today could be bad tomorrow. So the only way that we can get to know our Almighty God, is if He remains constant and unchanging in all that He does. We can see from the following scriptures that this is the case.

Heb_13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Jas_1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Psa_55:19 God, who is enthroned from of old, who does not change-- he will hear them and humble them, because they have no fear of God.

God is not going to change His laws or His commandments just because our world is changing, and not often for the better. No, God will always remain true to what He has established as His eternal ways for us to be able to enjoy an abundant and happy life. If we stray away from these laws, then we can expect that we will begin to suffer the consequences of our own actions.

God has set His Holy days so we can see His plan for the future of all mankind. If God does not change, then why do people believe that they can just change His holy days to please their own wants. How can they justify making these changes if God has not directly told them to do so. Maybe they think that this is what God wants, but where is the proof. Any leader of any church who wants to change these everlasting laws of God had better had proof positive that God has wanted these changes. To just claim they have the authority, without any proof, is no proof at all.

We know from the above scriptures that we can depend upon God and we can trust in His word, The Holy Scriptures. We can trust that God will keep His word to those who seek Him "in the Spirit and in truth"

We must know this truth about God, and if we do then once we have settled a matter, we can be sure that it will remain unchanged for all time. there are things happening today that were unheard of when the bible was written, but I believe common sense (that comes from the Holy Spirit) should be able to guide us into the truth of a matter. God's commandments are there to help us all live full, happy and productive lives. Can you imagine what a different world we could live in if we all listened to and followed the advise from Jesus Christ as we see recorded for us in Mat 22:36-40.

Mat 22:36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Mat 22:37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

Mat 22:38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

Mat 22:39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Mat 22:40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

If all men and women throughout the world were to live by these commandments, can you see how different our world would be? To love the Lord Your God with all your heart, mind and soul and to love your fellow man the same way. If we all loved in this way there would be no fighting, robbery, crimes of hate, racial abuse, wars and killings.

It is hard today to imagine a world where all people live by these two commandments, and unfortunately for the world, there are very few people who do live according to these two commandments. In Rev 12:9 below we see the reason why we fail to live this way.

Rev_12:9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Satan is currently the god of this world, and he wants to destroy any of God's laws, plans and certainly His children, he will use as many different strategies as possible to draw us away from God. He will continue to do this until the "Day of Jesus Christ", the day Jesus returns to this earth and throws Satan into the "pit" where he belongs and where he can no longer influence the world with his evil ideas and ways that cause so much pain and suffering today.

For a more detailed description of the cause of this world's suffering, please see my book, [Why So Much Suffering?](#)

In this modern day and age there are so many distractions all around us, temptations to draw us into a sinful life style. The desire to have everything we see is like a powerful magnet.

We want all of the new toys. Many video games are extremely violent and they must affect anyone who plays these types of games, whether they are young or old it makes no difference. And some of the modern tripe that they have the audacity to call music is beyond belief, the words in some of these songs are down right vulgar and our young people are singing along and bopping to this type of mind bending entertainment. And we wonder why our modern society is going to the dogs. Where is the love for God or our fellow man in these forms of entertainments?

Even watching the news of an evening we are constantly bombarded with what is wrong with the world, fights, murders, crimes of all types that desensitize us to reality. and when we see actual fighting in the world it is almost just like watching a video game on the screen, and we don't feel real compassion for the victims, we do not see the need to pray for them.

It is just another problem somewhere else in the world that does not affect us, so lets not worry about it. That is the general response to the disasters we see each day.

Satan is responsible for our present troubles. and these troubles are only going to increase until the day of Jesus Christ. We are going to be influenced more and more by his tactics as we come closer to the day of Christ's return.

We must remain strong in our faith and beliefs and not be drawn away from our loving Father. So

when the bible tells us not to conform to this world as we read in Romans 12:2, Just what does that mean for you and me today.

Rom_12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Do Not Conform

Lets take a closer look at this verse and try to understand just what it means for us today. Let us start with **do not conform**. What does this mean. Well a definition from the dictionary is as follows.

Definition of conform

- 1: to give the same shape, outline, or contour to : bring into harmony or accord
- 2: to be similar or identical
- 3: to be in agreement or in harmony with
- 4: to be obedient or compliant —usually used with to conform to another persons wishes
- 5: to act in accordance with prevailing standards or customs

We can see from this description that to conform is to look or behave like other people.

Do not be different, but be the same, so as to not upset anyone else. Just follow the lead of the majority and don't think for yourself in case you stumble upon some other idea that may seem better than what the majority believe and teach.

In other words when it comes to matters of our faith, we must not question those who lead, but we must blindly accept what we are told. This means that it is a waste of time to study any doctrine for ourselves because, we are told what to believe and how to respond. The word of God is no longer relevant, only the teaching of man must be followed.

No thanks, this is the work of the Devil. He relies on us not seeking the truth, but accepting what we are told by those who **should** know the truth.

We are informed by the scriptures that as the end times get closer there will be a powerful religious figure who will demand that every one obeys his rulings, and if we do not then we will find ourselves in a very dangerous position.

There are many different theories about when this will happen, but it does not really matter when. We just have to be so closely united with our Lord that we will not be drawn away by false promises, doctrines or threats.

Now. After we are told not to conform, we are told what it is that we are not to conform too :- **to the pattern of this world**.

If we want to know what the pattern of this world is, then just watch the news, read the newspapers or read some of the absolute tripe that comes out of social media.

The news if almost always “bad news” I guess because there is not a lot of good news to show, and anyway, why show good news when we can sensationalize bad news and cause more division in

our communities. I believe that a perfect example of just where the pattern of this world is leading to can be found in 2Tim 3:1-5

2Ti 3:1 But know this, that in the last days, grievous times will come.

2Ti 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, not lovers of good,

2Ti 3:4 traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;

2Ti 3:5 holding a form of godliness, but having denied its power. Turn away from these, also.

I have seen many of these characteristics creep into our society over the last few decades and it is alarming. When I was a young fella things were not like they are today. There was a certain amount of respect for the law, parents had some sort of control over their children, and there was not nearly as much violent crime as we see on our TV sets today. We did not have to be so politically correct and the many minority groups did not exist. Today it is regarded as a crime to speak out about some of the sins that we witness daily in the world. It is becoming more dangerous by the day to be a Christian.

The callous disregard for another person's health is unbelievable, when you see people fighting and they are kicking their victims viciously in the head, and mostly for no reason at all, it is very disturbing to think that this is a normal day in some of our "entertainment areas".

Not only do we see this type of behavior, but there are not many people who believe in an all powerful and sovereign God. For most people He either does not exist, or He is irrelevant and has no part in their lives. We know that this is also a sign of the end times as we read in 2Pe 3:3-4

2Pe 3:3 knowing this first, that in the last days mockers will come, walking after their own lusts,

2Pe 3:4 and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

Following their own evil desires, as I said earlier the temptations of this world with all its shiny new toys and gadgets is just too strong a magnet for many people. The importance of having it all is too great and to be able to afford these toys usually means spending all one's income on their own desires. There is nothing left to give to charity and even if there was I doubt it would go there. And in verse 4 we see their stubborn refusal to accept that Jesus is alive and going to return in His own good time.

2Pe 3:4 and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

Those who think this way do not see any benefit in worshiping a God who is distant and plays no part in their lives. If there is no tangible evidence of His presence, then why worry about what He thinks. Yet the bible tells us that God is not far off but is right here with us.

Look at the sky, at the amazing life forms that we see every day, the beauty of the flowers, the incredible fish that are in our oceans, the stars at night and just so many other signs of an amazing Creator God. If they cannot see these tangible signs of an Almighty Creator God, then they are not looking very hard. They have truly been blinded by “the prince of the power of the air”.

And so since they can see no-one to answer to, they can do their own things and are the judge and jury for what they want to do. In this day we find that their I's are too close together.

“I want this”

“I want that”

“I want the other”

“Where's mine?”

“Me, Me, Me”

In most cases we find the present age is a very selfish time and the only people who matter are the individuals. I know there are many good people out there who are doing good deeds, and some of these people are not even Christians, with some actually being atheists.

I find it amazing that some of the Atheists have more love for their fellow man and care for them more than many so called Christians. But I feel the majority of today's younger generation are self centered and fixated on social media. Just look at what comes out of pages like Face-book and Twitter. Anger and hatred towards others who have a different outlook on life. This hatred shows up in the often vile and always poisonous comments they leave on other people's pages.

This seems to be the pattern of the world right now, so how do we not conform to the pattern of this world, **we must be transformed**

Be Transformed

Another dictionary definition, this time of transformed.

Definition of Transform

1: To change completely the appearance or character of something or someone, especially so that that thing or person is improved:

2: to change in form, appearance, or structure.

3: to change in condition, nature, or character; convert.

4: to change into another substance.

5: to undergo a change in form, appearance, or character; become transformed.

What is the most important thing that we need to do. Do we conform to the way the rest of the world is just to keep the peace, or because it is the easy road to follow, or maybe our friends are all traveling in that direction, so we just want to keep in step with them and not upset the apple cart. The most important thing to do is to conform to the word of God.

The big question here is “who am I trying to please with the way I live my life? Am I wanting to keep my friends happy or maybe my family, or am I going to put Jesus Christ and what He wants from me as of first importance?”.

I think the most important question here is:

“To whom do I belong”.

If we can answer this question correctly, then everything else should be easy to understand. Do we belong to Jesus Christ or are we the children of the Devil?

Rom_1:6 among whom you are also called to belong to Jesus Christ;

Gal_5:24 Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts.

If you belong to Jesus Christ, then you must be prepared for the world to hate you.

1Jn 3:11 For this is the message which you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;

1Jn 3:12 unlike Cain, who was of the evil one, and killed his brother. Why did he kill him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's righteous.

1Jn 3:13 Don't be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.

1Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. He who doesn't love his brother remains in death.

One quote I found on the web goes as follows

“We are perfectly useless as Christians if all we do is conform to the world around us.”

And why would we want to conform to the world around us when we have the opportunity to be transformed as we read in 2Cor 3:18

2Co 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face seeing the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Being transformed into His image. What could possibly be better than that. Are we prepared to conform to the ways of the world? Or are we going to hold fast to what we know is truth.

Come Out of Her My Children

If we need another reason to not conform to the ways of this world, then let us turn to Rev: 18:4

Rev 18:4 I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of her, my people, that you have no participation in her sins, and that you don't receive of her plagues,

If we do not want to share in the plagues that are coming upon the world, then we must not conform, must not blindly follow, and do not trade the truth for a bunch of lies. Better to heed the

warning that we find in

Isa 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

If we do conform to the pattern of this world, then we can also expect to suffer the curses of the promised plagues that are to come upon the earth. But we have another promise from God. We are sealed as His.

2Ti 2:19 However God's firm foundation stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let every one who names the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness."

The Renewed Mind

So now we come to the next part of this verse. “*but be transformed by the renewing of your mind*”. How do we become transformed. by the **renewing of your mind?**

It is possible to avoid the ways of the world and not be transformed. To be transformed is not a case of replacing the to-do-list of the flesh with the to-do-list of the law (or works) but to replace it with the fruits of the spirit.

To be renewed in the mind is not a new list of moral behaviors, but it is the power of the Holy Spirit transforming us through faith in Jesus Christ. We can see this transforming of our minds in Gal 5:18-25.

Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Gal 5:19 Now the deeds of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness,

Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies,

Gal 5:21 envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit God’s Kingdom.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Gal 5:24 Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts.

Gal 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let’s also walk by the Spirit.

If we are living by the Spirit, then we are allowing ourselves to be transformed by the Spirit, we are not conforming to the ways of the world, but to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We are studying the word of God and changing to be more like Christ.

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face seeing the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the Spirit.

In verse 17 we see that there is freedom. Freedom to do what our hearts really want us to do, and if that is to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit then we are truly being transformed. If that freedom leads us to conform to the ways of the world, then we are not being transformed into His image.

If we love to do, what we ought to do, then we are being transformed.

Now we must ask the question, what is wrong with our minds and why do our minds need renewing?

The minds of those who are ignorant of God have a particular “mindset”, a “viewpoint”, a

“posture” or an “attitude”. Their minds are actually fallen and they are naturally hostile to the absolute supremacy of God, and they fail to see how God is infinitely more worthy of praise than what they are. So these attitudes have a need to be changed, their attitudes need to be made new.

Eph 4:22 that you put away, as concerning your former way of life, the old man, that grows corrupt after the lusts of deceit;

Eph 4:23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

Eph 4:24 and put on the new man, who in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.

When we read Gal 5:18-21 earlier and we see what our minds are capable of when we follow our own evil desires. This is how much of the world lives today, so how can we get rid of these thoughts and attitudes if we are really being transformed. We need to heed the advise in the above passages of scripture. We can also get more guidance from the following scriptures.

1Pe 1:13 Therefore prepare your minds for action, be sober, and set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ—

1Pe 1:14 as children of obedience, not conforming yourselves according to your former lusts as in your ignorance,

1Pe 1:15 but just as he who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all of your behavior;

1Pe 1:16 because it is written, “You shall be holy; for I am holy.”

Having friendship with the world, or conforming to the ways of the world, will make you an enemy of God. We see this clearly explained in James 4:4.

Jas 4:4 You adulterers and adulteresses, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Friendship with the world, what does that imply? It means to comply with and gratify worldly men and to gain favor with them in the ways of the flesh, to desire what the world offers, or to conform (there’s that word again) to the sinful nature of the world. We are told in many places that to conform to the world is to reject the ways of God. To be a friend of the world, that is still controlled by Satan, is to be a friend of Satan and to love his life style of caring only for oneself.

I am sure that being a friend of the world is not talking about the creation, but of the attitudes of the worldly people. I love God’s creation with all of its beauty. The sunrises and sunsets, the amazing flowers, insects, animals and birds. Nature has always fascinated me with the way all things rely upon other things for their very existence. This “screams” of an almighty creator who set all things in motion. This is not what we are told not to be friends with.

For me I believe that the advise to not conform is in regard to the religious teaching of the world. Do not conform to what the world teaches but study the word of God to see what is true and what is false. Follow the ways of the Bereans as we see in

Act 17:11 Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the

word with all readiness of mind, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

Most of the religions today are starting to follow the one world religious order, and that is fatal for those who conform to this system of worship. To blindly follow the “Revised Common Lectionary” and to throw God’s Holy days away, as if they have no meaning in the modern world, is to turn your back on God and to follow the ways of the world. Satan’s world.

God's holy days have all been corrupted, or in most cases they have been removed from the churches worship calender completely. No-one challenges this new direction but most are happy to blindly follow the lead of the new world religious order of things.

So now all we need to do is to decide if we are going to conform, or be transformed, and that should be no problem. So, as we get closer to the end of this age it will get harder and harder to not conform, the pressures from the “world” will intensify, and we will be tested as never before.

We know what the future holds for the world at the end time. We do not know when this will be, but in my mind it is now very close.

Just a year or so ago I never thought it would happen in my life time, but the ways things are escalating I feel it is very possible that the end times, the tribulation, could happen within a few years. Maybe what Jesus said in Rev 22:12 is nearer than what most people think.

Rev 22:12 “Behold, I come quickly. My reward is with me, to repay to each man according to his work.

Rev 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city.

Summary

How should we respond to the incredible mercy that God has shown to us? For me the answer lies in Romans 12:1-2. We are to become a living and breathing sacrifice in service to God as an act of worship.

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.

Rom 12:2 Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.

This is by no means a way to earn salvation, because we know that our salvation can never be purchased. There is no price that we can pay to earn our salvation, it is all a free gift from God, so this service to God is because He has already saved us, He has done all of the work for our salvation.

I believe we are rapidly approaching a time when we will see the “one world government”, a “one world religion”, established here on the earth. Only a very short time ago, probably about 18 months ago, I knew that these things were going to happen, but at that time could not see them being close and I felt that they would probably not occur in my lifetime. Yet here we are now and I think we can all agree that we are staring down the barrel of these things happening.

Now is the time when we must make a commitment to God and be prepared to follow the teachings of the Bible that we know are the only way to God's kingdom.

Mat_7:13 “Enter in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter in by it.

Mat_7:14 How narrow is the gate, and restricted is the way that leads to life! Few are those who find it.

Luk_13:24 “Strive to enter in by the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will seek to enter in, and will not be able.

Please do not believe the lie that all roads, or all religions, will lead you to the Kingdom of God. Read and act upon Joh 14:6.

Joh_14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

We must follow the example of Daniel when he refused to bow down and worship the idol that have been set up for King Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel was prepared to face the lions rather than conform to the demands of the King. We all know the outcome of this and how Daniel was rescued by God from the lions. Now is the time for us to truly trust in our God to do whatever is the best for us, even if that leads to our death.

Seek the victors crown by being transformed and not by being conformed to the ways of this

world. If we are indeed alive during these times of great tribulation then we must be prepared to suffer many hardships, to struggle to even survive. Living through the tribulation is going to be a terrifying prospect and resisting the ways of the world is going to be difficult to say the least.

But we must remember the quote I gave you earlier.

“We are perfectly useless as Christians if all we do is conform to the world around us.”

So let us not be “perfectly useless as Christians”, but let us be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

I would like to end this message with a message from God. Please read from the book Romans 8:1-17 for this is God’s good, pleasing and perfect will.

Life in the Spirit

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don’t walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death.

Rom 8:3 For what the law couldn’t do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh;

Rom 8:4 that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace;

Rom 8:7 because the mind of the flesh is hostile towards God; for it is not subject to God’s law, neither indeed can it be.

Rom 8:8 Those who are in the flesh can’t please God.

Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if any man doesn’t have the Spirit of Christ, he is not his.

Rom 8:10 If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Rom 8:12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Rom 8:13 For if you live after the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God.

Rom 8:15 For you didn’t receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Rom 8:16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God;

Rom 8:17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if indeed we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified with him.

And always remember

Joh 15:18 If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you.

Joh 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, since I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

We may not be hated right now, but the time is coming when we will be hated because of our love and faith in Jesus Christ. But we have too many good promises from God for an amazing future in His Kingdom if we are faithful to the end.

Therefore, remember the advise of Rom 12:2.

Rom 12:2 Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Thank you for reading this book. I hope you have enjoyed it and maybe have even learned something from it.

May God Bless you.

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My name is Leslie Rendell and I am just a normal Christian who has had no formal religious education. I have no letters after my name to try to convince you that I know what I am writing about. I just sincerely search the Bible for the information that I need.

I am retired and now live in the South West of Western Australia. Apart from my love of the Bible my other hobbies are vegetable growing, using the hydroponic method and photography where I love to photograph God's creation.

When I am doing my Bible studies, I do not just read the Bible, but I select a topic that I want to know more about, (such as the rapture) then I spend my time researching it in the Bible and also on the "World Wide Web". I like to see what other people are saying on that particular subject whether I agree with them or not. I believe it is vital to see all sides of an argument before accepting one as the truth on the matter.

Once I have decided on what I believe is right, then I start to search the scriptures to backup what I think is correct. I find this a great way to study as I can concentrate on one subject at a time.



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