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**Romans 12, The spheres of Christian living in response to
God's magnificent glory and mercy, Pt 1** - Grace Bible Fellowship -
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Reading: Romans 11:33-12:3

In view of God's magnificent glory and mercy, the Roman believers were called upon to personally make some fundamental, life-changing decisions about how the Lordship of Christ would need to change their thinking and action in the several spheres of life.

Sphere one: Personal attitude and devotion to the Divine Being in view of His mercy to each and every one of them.

6 min V1, *Devotion* of one's **physical life** to God as a singular, life-long project of unsullied worship. 1 Cor 6:19

V2, *Devotion* of one's **inner mental and spiritual thought life** to God as a singular, life-long project of unsullied worship.

Both the negative imperative, "do not be conformed to this world/age", and the positive imperative, "but be transformed", are in the passive voice. This means that either *negative conforming is done to us, or positive transforming is done to us*. We do not do the conforming or the transforming, but they are done by outside forces. **The question is, who is doing the conforming? There is only one choice!**

Sphere two: Personal attitude and devotion to the the body of Christ, the church.

V3, *The attitude of gratitude.*

Thinking rightly and humbly about ourselves, according to the measure of faith for service the Lord, in His sovereignty, has given us.

V4-5, The inter-connectedness and necessity of the members of the body of Christ.

V6-8, Varieties of gifts according to God, the Spirit's sovereign and good will and determination.

See 1 Cor 12:18-26