

The Gospel of God

The View From Here

Romans 12:1-2

The View: Romans 12:1

Your _____ Is An _____ Of _____.

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’”
(Jesus – Mark 12:29-30)

What Impedes Your View Of God’s Mercy?

Is It ... _____?

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Paul – Romans 8:38-39)

Is It ... _____?

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
(Paul – Romans 5:8)

Is It ... _____?

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
(Paul – Ephesians 3:20-21)

The Process: Romans 12:2a

Be _____ You Are.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (Paul – 2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

Transformation Involves ...

The human mind and heart are, in their natural state, dark and rebellious, full of wickedness and evil. What is required is not for people simply to learn to live authentically, without external pressure, but for them to be renewed, so that what proceeds from the transformed mind does indeed reflect the image of God. (The New Interpreters Bible Commentary – Volume 12)

Taste & See: Romans 12:2b

Place Your _____ On The _____.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. (David – Psalm 34:4-8)

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. (Jesus – Matthew 16:24-25)