

The Book of Romans

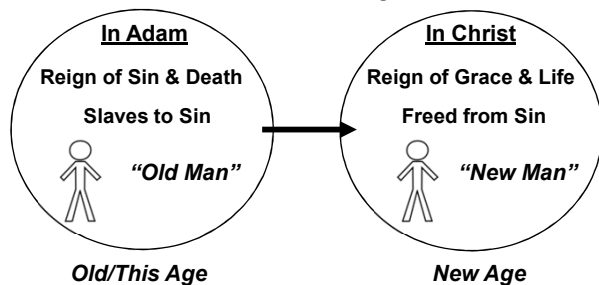
The Gospel of God

¹Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—living, holy and pleasing to God, *which is* your reasonable worship.

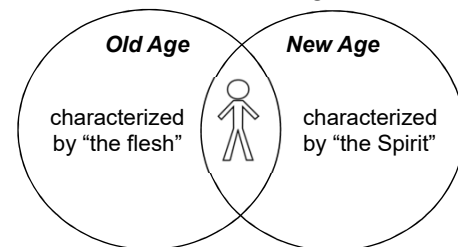
²And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and pleasing and perfect.

(Romans 12:1-2)

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Foundation of NT Ethics

1. The Command

- resist the process of being molded and fashioned into the behaviors and values of this present age
- allow the Holy Spirit to continually change us into conformity with the behaviors and values of the new age

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2. The Means

➤ "by the renewing of the mind"

- cultivate the mindset that accords with the values and beliefs of the new age (c.f. Eph. 4:22-24)
- fill your mind with Bible-saturated, Christ-centered truth, and pray for Spirit-produced love and humility

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

(2 Corinthians 3:18)

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3. The Purpose

- to discern and approve what God wants of us with a view to putting it into practice
- in order that we might know what we are to do to please God in any situation

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➤ *Discerning the will of God*

- not insight into God's perfect plan for your life, but behavior that pleases Him in every action
- not knowledge apart from the Bible, but the approval and application of it in all circumstances
- not by the Law but walking by the Spirit according to the rule of love