

9. How can a Christian know whether an outward matter is conformity to the world or a culturally and spiritually neutral thing? Explain.

10. How are you praying for ABC this week?



Message #86: Not Conformed to this World

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Sermon
Notes

Quotes to Ponder

For secularism, all life, every human value, every human activity must be understood in light of this present time.... What matters is “now” and only “now.” All access to the above and the beyond is “blocked.” There is no exit from the confines of this present world. The secular is all that we have. We must make our decisions, live our lives, make our plans, all within the closed arena of this time—the here and now.

R.C. Sproul

The cosmos is all that is or ever was or ever will be.

Carl Sagan

It is a sad commentary on our time, verified by surveys, that American Christians in general have mostly the same values and behavior patterns as the world around them.

James Montgomery Boice

To think secularly is to think within a frame of reference bounded by the limits of our life on earth; it is to keep one’s calculations rooted in this worldly criteria. To think Christianly is to accept all things with the mind as related, directly or indirectly, to man’s eternal destiny as the redeemed and chosen child of God.

Harry Blamires

If Satan is the god of this world (and he is), and if the whole world lies in his power (and it does), then the believer must resist the pressure to conform morally, intellectually, and emotionally—and ultimately behaviorally—to Satan’s schemes for life. We are not to act like the “wise of this age—those who follow their own satanically-inspired will and practices rather than God’s.

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. How does this text/sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?

3. What does *conform* mean (*Romans 12:2*)?

4. What will help us not to be conformed according to these verses?

Romans 6:11-14 —

Ephesians 6:11 —

Romans 8:6-11 —

1 Peter 1:13-16 —

2 Corinthians 2:11 —

1 Peter 5:8 —

5. What does *world* mean (*Romans 12:2*)?

6. How is the *world* described in these verses?

1 Corinthians 1:20 —

Ephesians 2:2 —

1 Corinthians 3:18 —

Colossians 2:8 —

1 Corinthians 7:31 —

1 Timothy 6:17 —

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 —

1 John 2:15-17 —

Galatians 1:4 —

1 John 5:19 —

7. In what areas have you allowed yourself to be conformed to the world?
How will you not be conformed to the world this week?

8. Why might a Christian let the world so effect and influence him as to conform him to the world rather than to Christ?