

Introduction:

Today we will begin looking at *applying the gospel*.

Things we will look at in this lesson: Living The Christian Life: In Relation To God

In Relation To God:

01. What does Paul urge the Romans to do in Romans chapter 12?

Figure 1)

What Jesus said:	What Paul wrote in Romans:
"Bless those who curse you" (Luke 6:28).	"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse" (Romans 12:14).
"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" (Luke 6:27).	"If your enemy is hungry, feed him" (12:20).
"In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12).	"The commandments . . . are summed up in this one rule: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (13:9).

02. What do our relationships that Paul talks about in Romans 12 touch on?

03. What does offering ourselves to God do?

04. What do our understanding of God and our relationship to Him arise from?

Figure 2)

A Comparison of Passages	
Romans 6–8 Offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. Romans 6:13 Do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness. Romans 6:12–13 Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. Romans 8:2, 9	Romans 12:1–2 Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Romans 12:1 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world. Romans 12:2 Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

05. What does the word “offer” in Romans 12:1 suggest?

06. What does Paul mean when he says we are to be “living sacrifices”?

07. What does the word “Holy” depict in Romans 12:1?

08. What does God consider our offering of ourselves to Him to be?

09. What is our goal as believers?

10. As God changes the way we think, what do we begin to understand more clearly?

11. What does the power of the Holy Spirit enable each believer to do?

Figure 3)

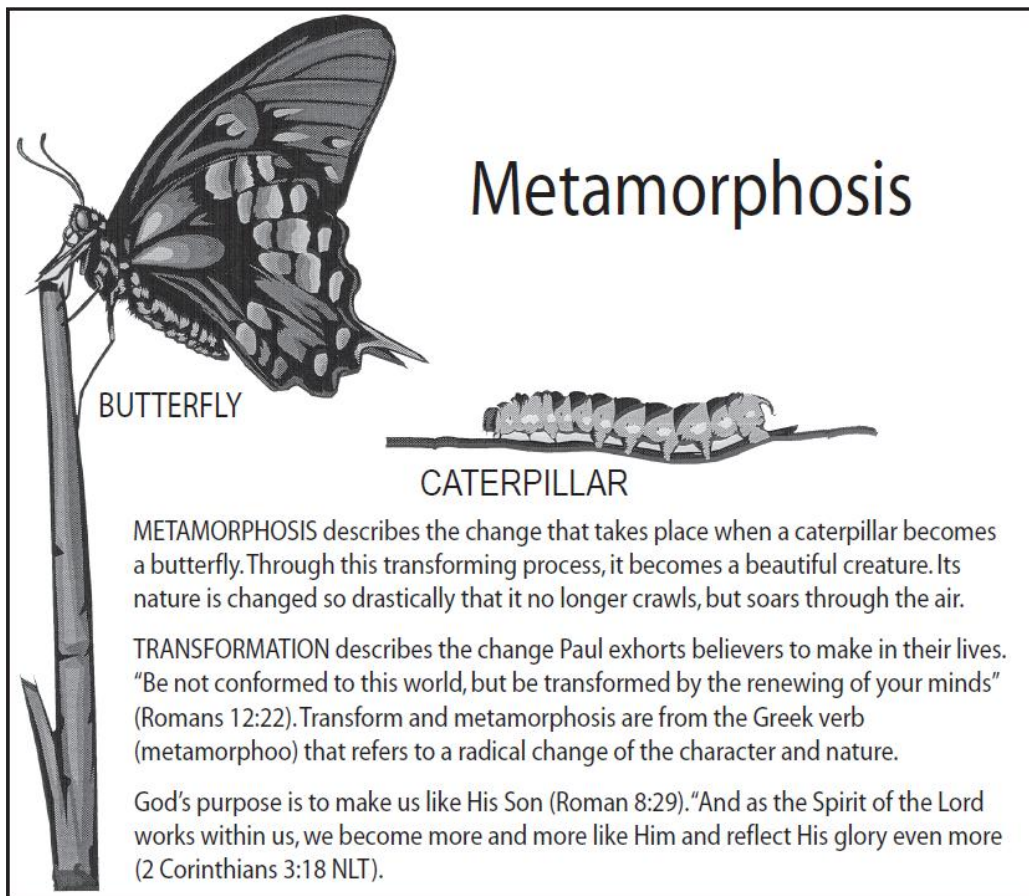


Figure 4)

The Sanctifying Process		
Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds Romans 12:2		
We Begin	Ongoing Process of Change	Ultimate Goal
CONFORMED	TRANSFORMED	CONFORMED
to the pattern of this world Romans 12:2	by the renewing of your mind Romans 12:2	to the likeness of his Son Romans 8:29
The old self	is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator	The new self
with its practices Colossians 3:1–11	Set your hearts...minds on things above. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature.	
Your old self	to be made new in the attitude of your minds	The new self
corrupted by its deceitful desires Ephesians 4:17–24		created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness
We	are being transformed into	His likeness
2 Corinthians 3:18		