

Living in Response to the Gospel

Summer at the Bayou - Part 4

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1. Give Yourself Completely to God

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2. Allow God to Change You

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Do not be conformed

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.” 1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)

Be Transformed

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” Colossians 3:2 (ESV)

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” James 1:22 (ESV)

See Worship Differently

Position Yourself to Be Changed

- Yield your body to the control of God.
- Renew your mind by the Word of God.
- Surrender your will to the purposes of God.