

Sermon Notes – (Aug 27) – God Wants to Work In and Through Us
Romans 12:1-2

Formula of Concord, Epitome Article II, paragraph 18...

After the Holy Spirit has performed and accomplished this [conversion] and the will of man has been changed and renewed solely by God's power and activity, man's new will becomes an instrument and means of God the Holy Spirit, so that man not only lays hold on grace but also cooperates with the Holy Spirit in the works that follow.

I. _____ (summing all that has been said before)... now what?

- Built on God's _____

- See verses 33-36. Also see Romans 1-11!

- for example 5:1 ...

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

- Through faith in Christ we are _____, forgiven, have peace and _____ life with God.

II. How do we live out this new life with God?

- Built on the mercies of God...

- Our complete lives are a _____ to God

- Living body and soul

- Holy = separate and dedicated to God alone

- Acceptable – pleasing to God

- Gathered worship is not without this living sacrifice worship

III. A battle within us everyday to be conformed back to the sin and death of this world, or transformed by God to His thinking (His will and His world forever).

- Both conformed and transformed are _____ and _____ verbs

- Is happening to us by an outside power

- Is continuing everyday until we die. A battle for our souls. (See Romans 7)

- As forgiven and alive in Christ God gives us the power to say and do,

“ _____ ” or “ _____ ”

(See quote from Formula of Concord!)

- God gives power to us to _____ and _____ what is His will

- Good = aligns with God's revealed will – God's Law

- Acceptable = pleasing to God

- Perfect = Completed... Not only discern God's will but carry to out to the conclusion. "It is completed"

We complete our lives to our last day in Jesus' name for He has completed salvation for us.

What does such a life look like?... Read Romans 12:3 to 15:13!