

PRACTICAL GRACE, PART 3
CHAMELEON OR BUTTERFLY?
Romans 12:2

Christians learn to think as God thinks and want what God wants.

CHAMELEONS

Don't let the world *conform* you by squeezing you into its mold. (12:2a)

This present evil age often promotes its own values and ways of thinking.

The world says we can determine what our *identity* should be.

The world says we can determine what our *morality* should be.

The world says we can determine what our *purpose* should be.

This present evil age often pollutes Christian values and ways of thinking.

Believers are still *in* the world, so we must—in some ways—learn to fit in.

Believers are not *of* the world, so we must—in other ways—learn *not* to fit in.

BUTTERFLIES

Let God *transform* you by giving you a brand new mindset. (12:2b)

You will be able to demonstrate—and treasure—that the plan of God for you is good.

God says he has determined what our *identity* should be.

You will be able to demonstrate—and treasure—that the plan of God for you meets all his demands.

God says he has determined what our *morality* should be.

You will be able to demonstrate—and treasure—that the plan of God for you moves you to maturity.

God says he has determined what our *purpose* should be.

“Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been granted in what he ordaineth?”
Joachim Neander