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DISCERNING THE TIMES AS WE FOLLOW JESUS

Romans 12:1-2

Paul's appeal to us..

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech^[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your* ^[b]reasonable service.
² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

By the mercies of God..

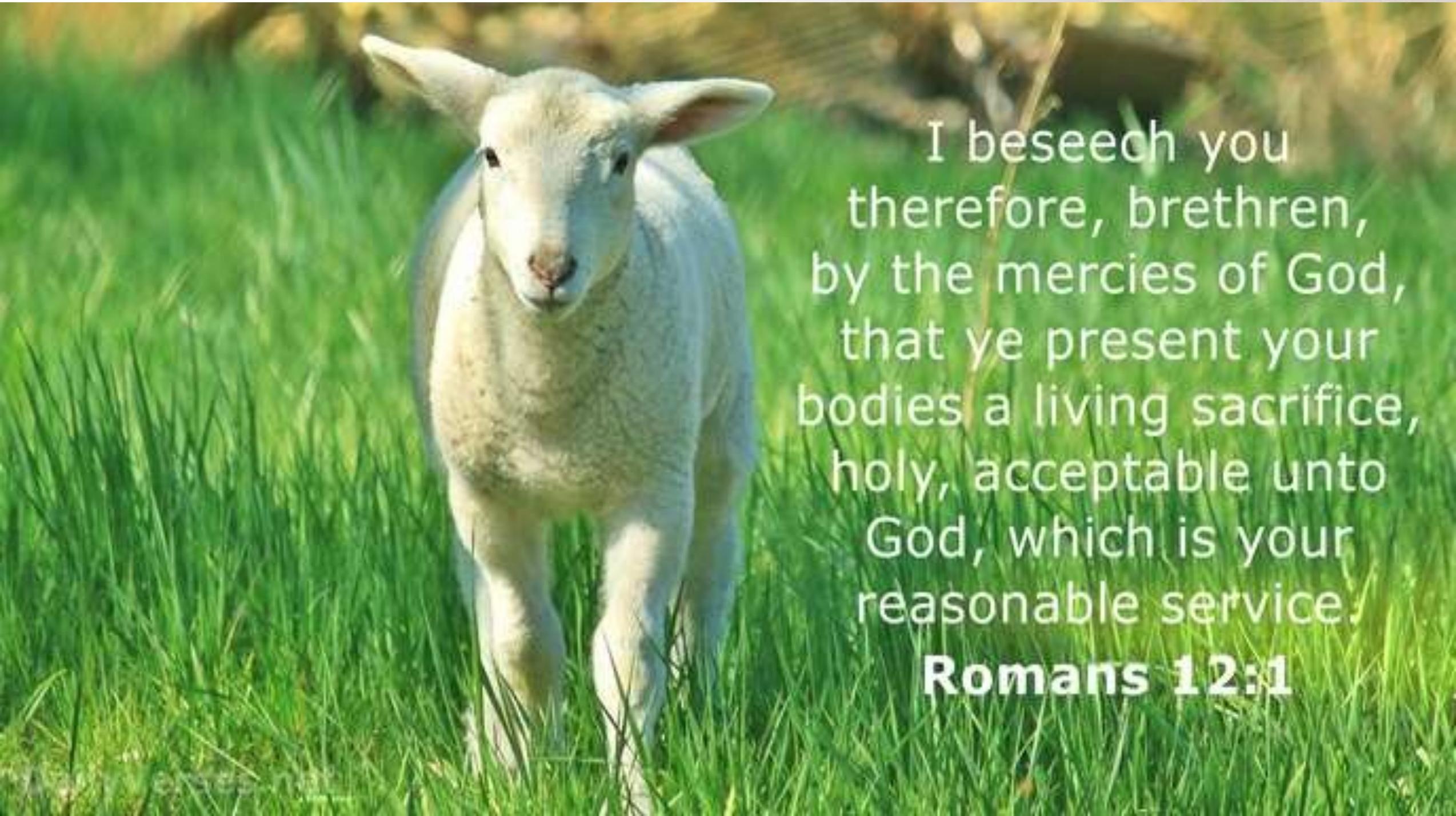
Based on previous teaching (Rom 1-11)

- All have sinned Rom 3:9-23
- God's mercy to all who believe 3:21-26
- Apart from law/because of Christ 5:1-2
- Emphasis on unity

Present your bodies..

As living sacrifices.. Holy, acceptable to God

- Rom 6:19 slaves to righteousness
- OT sacrifices (blood)/Jesus once for all
- Your bodies living sacrifices (vital/alive)
- 1 Cor 6:19-20; 2 Cor 5:10

A white lamb with small, upright ears stands in a lush green field of tall grass. The lamb is looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the grassy field and some distant trees or bushes under bright, natural light.

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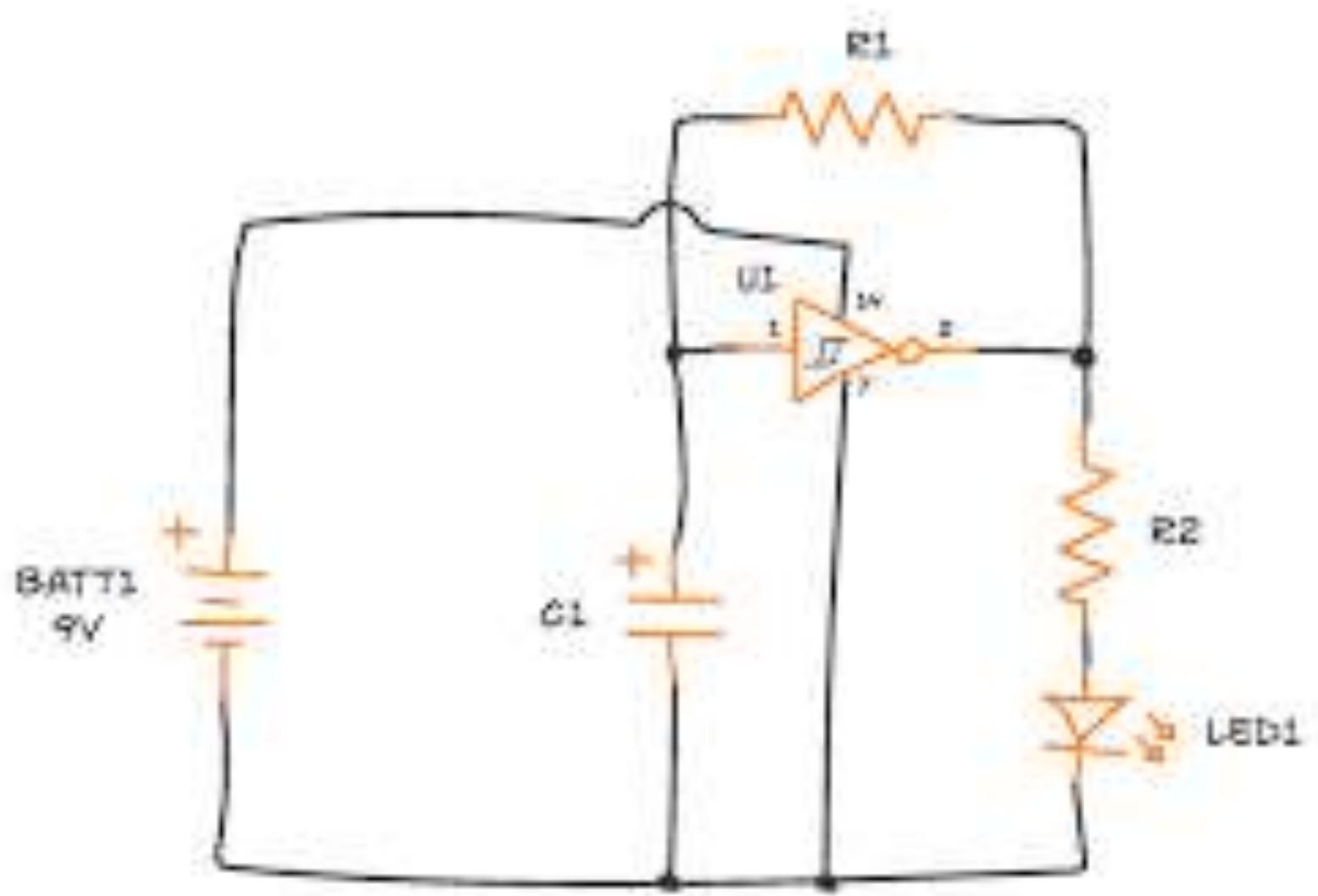
Be not conformed to this world..

Negative: Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold

- The world is able to conform us
- Conform (become the same or similar)
- Schematizo (to conform to same pattern)
- Vine: To fashion or shape one thing like another



“Aggressively Uncool”



Schematic

Don't be conformed to this world..

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.



DO NOT LOVE
THE
WORLD

John 2:15-17

Be Transformed by the renewing of your minds..

Positive: Allow to be transformed

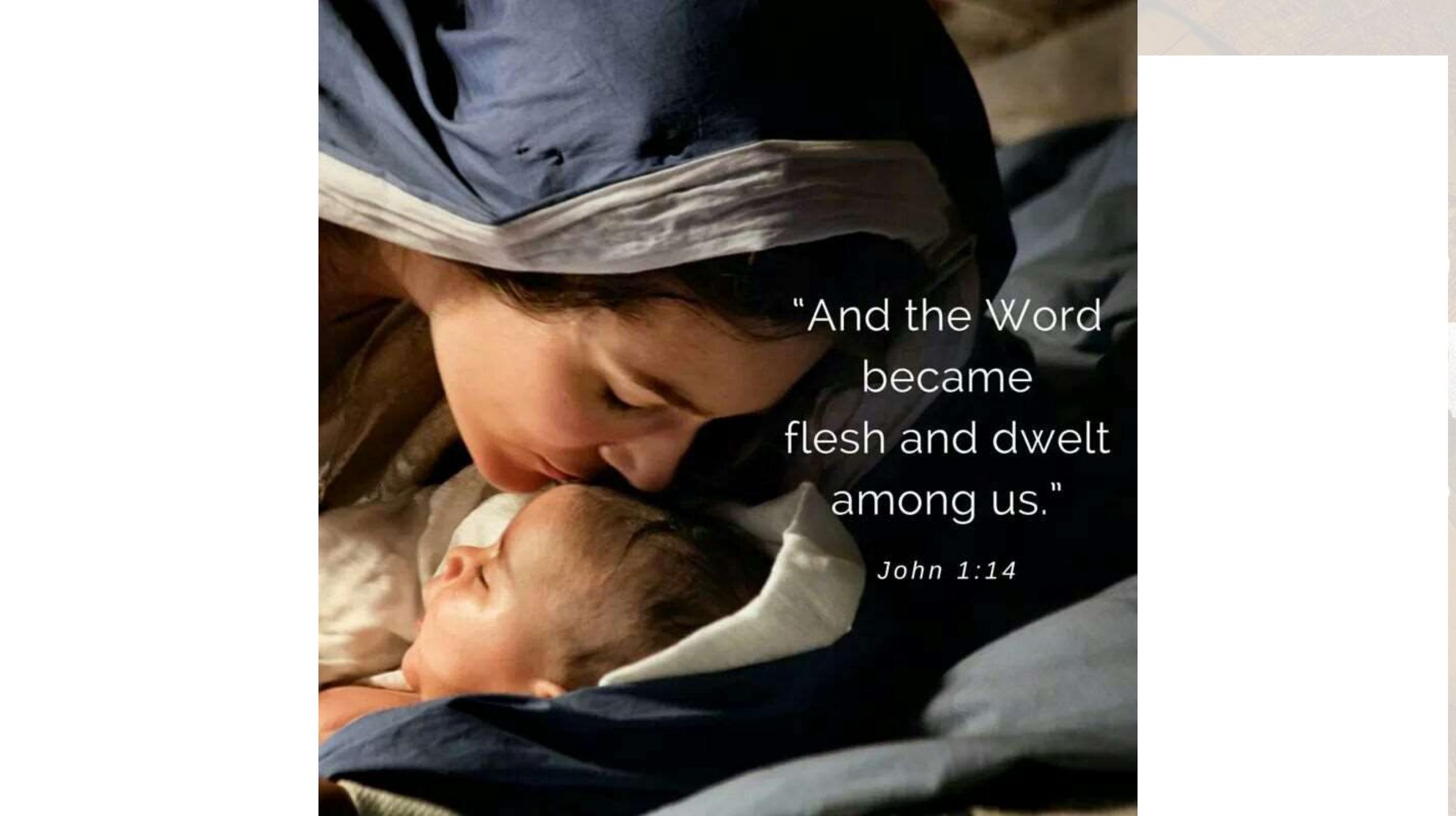
- Be transformed/conformed
- Metamorphoo (metamorphosis) change one's form
- As Jesus was transformed
- We too can be transformed

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“And the Word
became
flesh and dwelt
among us.”

John 1:14

Jesus emptied himself..

Philippians 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it ^[a]robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but ^[b]made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.



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