

## Romans 12:2, Metamorphoo - Be Transformed

*Metamorphoo* is the same verb used in Matthew 17:2 to describe the transfiguration of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration.

In that study we learned that our Lord's Shekinah Glory was permitted to shine through to the three specially selected disciples, Peter, James, and John, and two deceased Prophets, Elijah and Moses.

From that same study we learned that in the Church Age we are to reflect the Lord's indwelling Shekinah Glory by means of the acquisition of His Word.

A verse found within the same context of Romans 12:2 begins our analysis of this concept:

**Romans 13:14** - But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and stop making provision for your flesh [old sin nature] because of its lust pattern.

The words "put on" are one word in the Greek, the aorist middle imperative of the verb: *enduo* - "to put on; to clothe, to wear; to dress."

aorist - Culminative; views the verb in its entirety but places emphasis on the end result which is to clothe yourself with the thinking of Jesus Christ.

middle - Direct; the believer participates in the results of the action by means of advance through the Grace Apparatus for Perception.

imperative - A command to advance to maturity by transforming your thinking to that of our Lord.

Thus, this word conveys the idea of taking something intangible, i.e., the thinking of Christ, and to clothe your soul with that thinking. This command is a follow-up on a similar command in:

**Romans 13:12** - Let us lay aside the works of darkness [wheel-tracks of wickedness] and let us put on [*enduo*] the armor of light [wheel-tracks of righteousness].

This metaphor of clothing oneself with Christ can also be seen in:

**Galatians 3:27** - For all of you who were baptized into Christ [retroactive and current positional truth] have clothed yourself [*enduo*] with Christ.

This verse refers to adoption into the Royal Family which is the concept taught by the terms "baptism" and "in Christ." If you are "in Christ" then you are clothed with Him. The metaphor refers to our regeneration in a couple of passages:

**Ephesians 4:24** - Put on [*enduo*] the new man which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Another verse having to do with renovating one's thought to coincide with that of Christ is found in:

**Colossians 3:10** - (You) have put on [*enduo*] the new man who is being renewed [*anakainoo*; same word used in Romans 12:2 for "renovation"] to a true knowledge [*epignosis* in the stream of consciousness] according to the image of the One [the Shekinah Glory] who created him.

We see the word used again in Ephesians for putting on the armor of God.

**Ephesians 6:14** - Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on [*enduo*] the breastplate of righteousness. The inventory of ideas possessed by Christ is the same system of thinking with which we are to clothe our hearts.

**Colossians 3:12** - And so, as those who have been chosen of God [**election**], holy [**positional truth**] and beloved [**personal love of God for all believers expressed at salvation**], put on [*enduo* (**kardia does not occur in this verse but does come up later in Colossians 3:15**)] **compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;**