

**NEW YEAR'S  
TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF IN 2008**

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"Don't copy the behaviors and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is." Romans 12:2 (NLT)

**A TRANSFORMED LIFE**

"... Then Paul said: "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. Under Gamaliel I was thoroughly trained in the law of our fathers and was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, as also the high priest and all the Council can testify. I even obtained letters from them to their brothers in Damascus and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished. About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, "Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" I asked. "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting," He replied. My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of Him who was speaking to me. "What shall I do, Lord?" I asked. "Get up," the Lord said, "and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do." Acts 22:2b-10 (NIV)

**TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES ...**

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- **A lifechanging encounter with Jesus Christ can only occur if I am**

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- **Four Ways God Changes The Way I Think:**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace ...”  
Romans 8:5-6 (NIV)

d. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Transformed \_\_\_\_\_

“Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is.”  
Romans 12:2 (NLT)

“For if you live by [the dictates of your sinful nature], you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.”  
Romans 8:13-14 (NLT)

- I have the \_\_\_\_\_ through the Holy Spirit.