

This week Dr. Baucom continues his 8-week sermon series, ***In and Out***, focusing on the issues of living “*in the world but not of the world.*” In this week’s sermon, “**The Practice of Praxis**,” based on **Romans 12 1-9**, Dr. Baucom will seek to establish how believers can formulate a Biblical process of action and reflection.

1. **Read and reflect on Romans 12:1-9.** Sit with this passage for a few minutes. Listen for what God might be highlighting for you. Is there a word or phrase that stands out to you? Sit with it. Now read this passage again, aloud.

- What might a *living sacrifice* be? How do you feel about your body being a living sacrifice?
- Why do you think Paul warned against conforming to the “pattern of this world”?
- What risks are there to God’s children allowing the pattern of the world to be their template to living?
- What can be some of the consequences when we think more highly of ourselves than we ought (verse 3)? How could this attitude affect the body of Christ and her ministry to the world around her?
- How might Paul’s discussion of the body of Christ and the members’ varying gifts fit in this discussion about living in the world, but not of it? About developing a practice of praxis?

2. **Re-Read and reflect on Romans 12:2.** Spend several minutes meditating on this verse. Rest here for a moment.

- How are we being transformed?
- How can we be a part of the transformation process? What can we be intentional about that God might use in this process?
- What does this verse say is the result of a renewed mind?

- How can that be effective in our developing a practice of praxis?

3. What do **Ephesians 4:15** and **Ephesians 4:20-25** have to say toward this whole idea of being made new and renewing our minds?

4. What does **1 Timothy 4:6-11** have to say to us about training ourselves for godliness?

5. **Read and reflect on Ephesians 2:10 and Philippians 1:6.**

- What do these verses say about our completeness?

- What do they indicate about how we are transformed? All at once or might it be a process?

6. According to **Colossians 3:1-2 & 9-10.**

- Where are we to set our hearts and minds?
- In **verse 10**, how is our mind being renewed?

7. Read the following verses; what do they say about the *mind of Christ*?

- **1 Corinthians 2:15-16**
- **Philippians 2:5-11**

How does this relate to the process of renewing our minds?

8. What do the following verses say about our practices, how we live?

- Colossians 3:23
- Colossians 3:17
- Philippians 4:13