

Overcomers and a Transformed Mind

Romans 12: 1-2

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A Biblical World View defined (Col. 2:6-7)

- The way we think about or view the world
- Our perspective, based on thought-patterns
- Everyone has a world view, a bias on life
- It is the lens by which we interpret reality
- Believers should see everything through a Christian lens based on Biblical premises
 - Biblical doctrines that are non-negotiable
 - Biblical principles that apply these doctrines
- Less than 8% of American believers appear to have even a minimal Biblical worldview

Zeitgeist

(n.)

/ˈzʌɪtɡaɪst/

Meaning-
spirit or mood of a particular
period in history



Example-

Social media perfectly captures the
zeitgeist of the modern digital age.

**Any
spirit
that
excludes
the True
God**

What is Truth?

Truth is that which corresponds to reality, identifies things as they actually are, must be able to be expressed in propositions (t + t = true), can never fail, diminish, change, or be extinguished, and is sourced in the God of the Bible, who is the Author of all truth.

“People almost invariably arrive at their beliefs not on the basis of proof but on the basis of what they find attractive.”

--Blaise Pascal

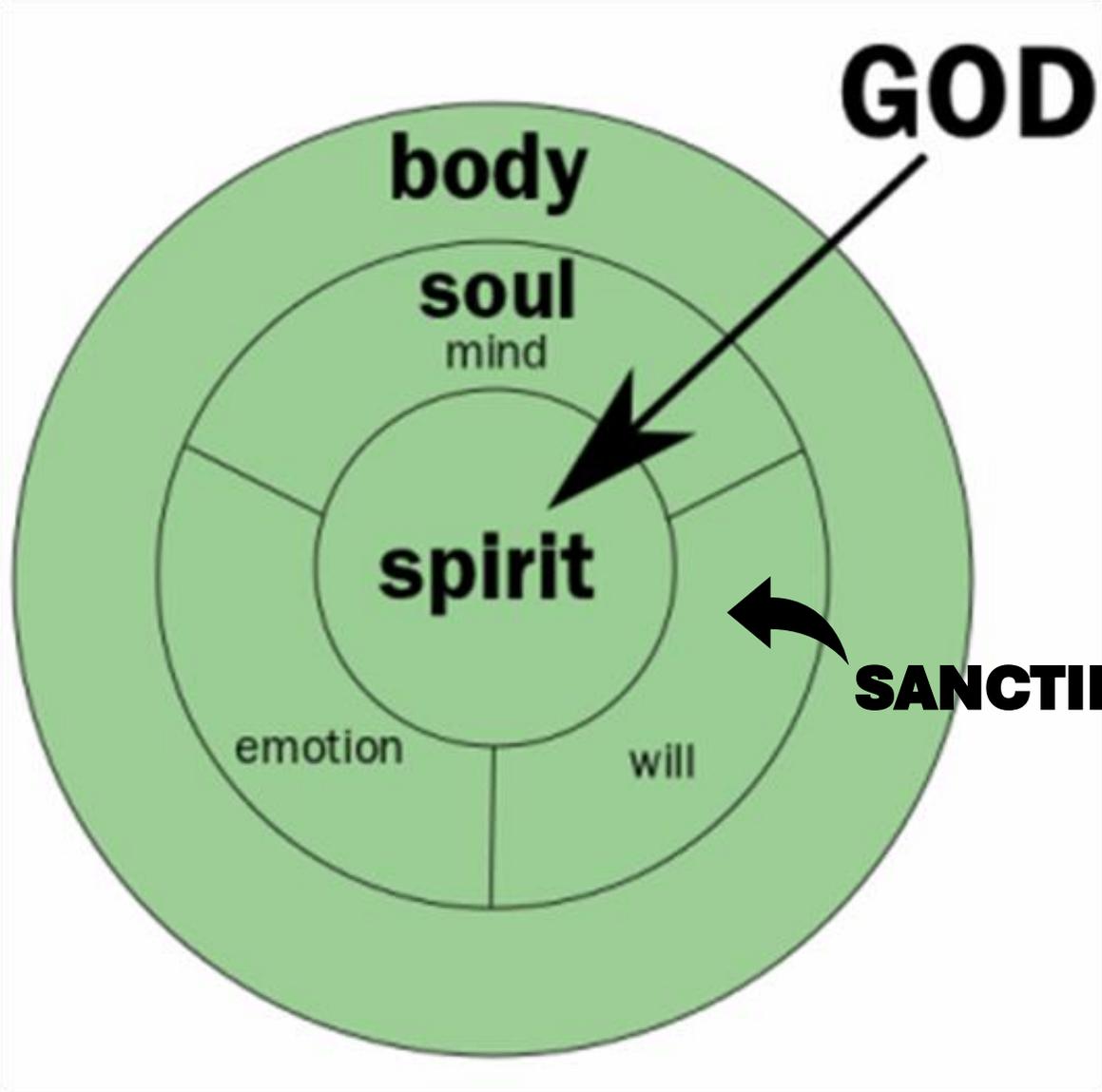
(17th century French philosopher)

“Make a bet that there is a God who loves you. If you are right you have everything to gain, and if you are wrong you have nothing to lose. Make a bet that God is real.”
-Blaise Pascal

Blaise Pascal was a famous French philosopher and mathematician in the 1600s and he poses this challenge.

If you believe in God and you're right, you've got everything to gain—unconditional love, purpose, everlasting life and more. If you're wrong, no harm no foul.

So, why not take a chance on faith? Explore those big questions, stay open minded, and consider the incredible possibilities. Your journey of faith might just lead to something amazing. ✨



THE BATTLE

FOR YOUR

MIND



HE WHO CONTROLS THE MIND CONTROLS THE PERSON

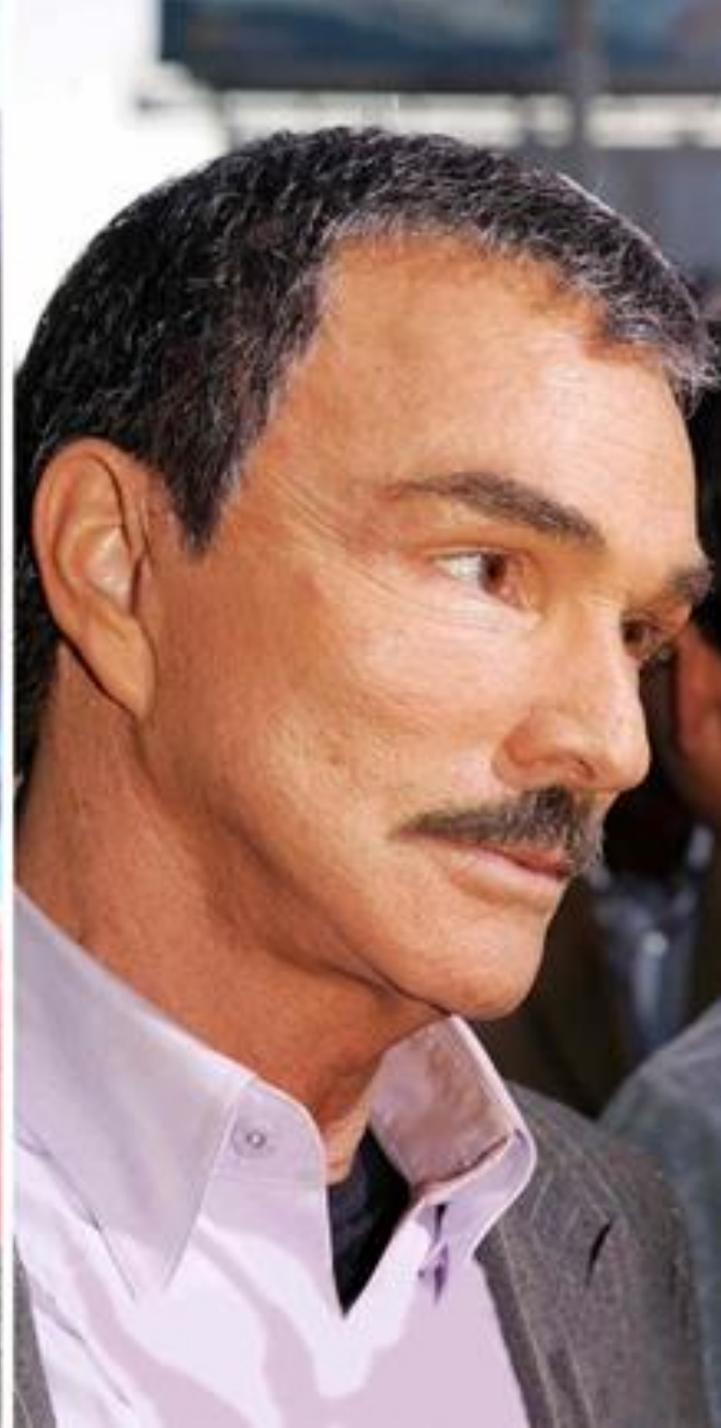
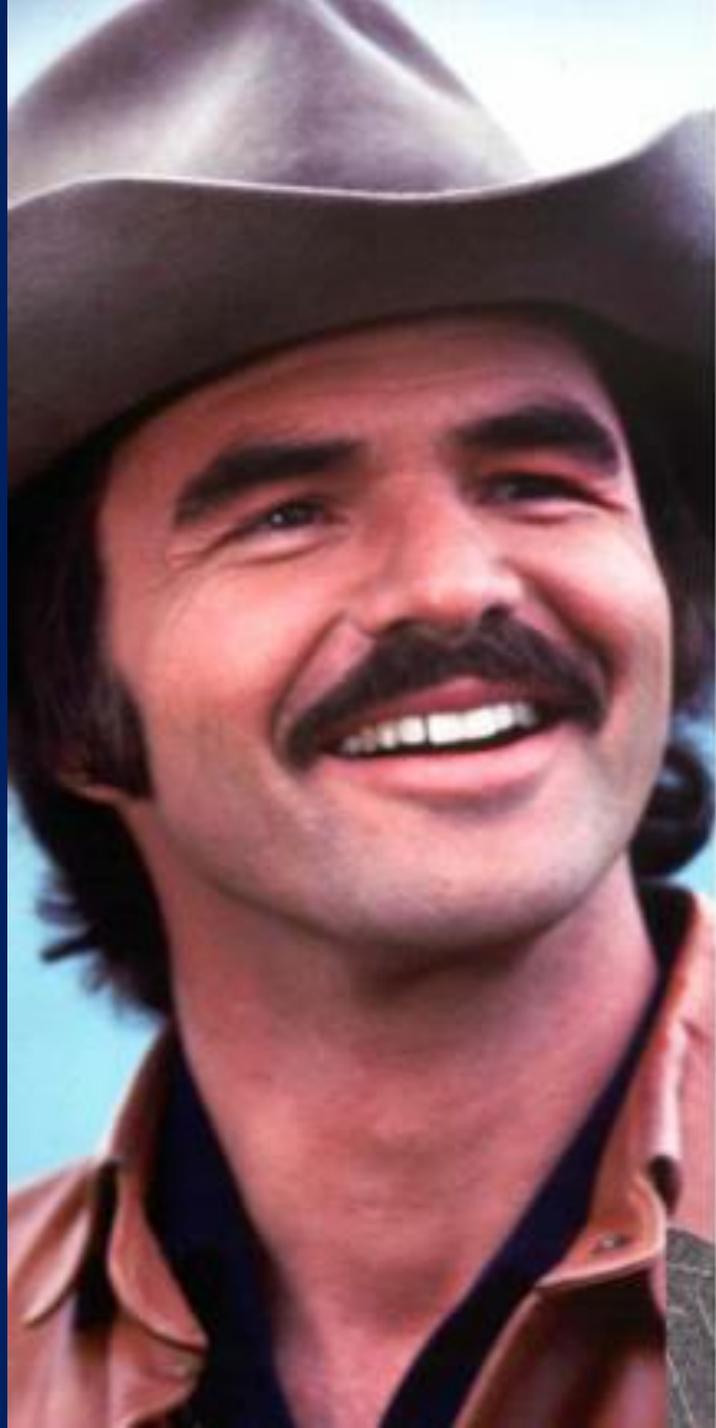
Verse 1

**The Overcomer's duty to God –
*Present your body***

What Is Entropy?

Entropy is a measure of the disorder of a system or energy unavailable to do work.

**TRUTH,
YOU ARE
WINDING
DOWN
AND YOU
CAN'T
STOP IT**



What are overcomers to do?

“ . . . present your bodies a living sacrifice ”

This is a volitional sacrifice, *not forced!*

**In a sense, this is when we submit to, *not make,*
Christ as Lord of our lives**

Christ is always Lord, whether we recognize this or not

Focus now on a *“living sacrifice”* that is written in the present tense = a continuous living sacrifice

Continuous means to the death = *“I will serve the Lord until I die”*

“ . . . which is your reasonable service ”

Our service is worship to God

**Worship comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “weorthscipe”
= to ascribe worth, value, the greatness of God**

Every time I serve and obey God, I am worshipping God

It does not matter that others will not give their all, *keep your eyes on Jesus and overcome!*

It does not matter that I may have to stand alone, *keep your eyes on Jesus and overcome!*

**The overcomer’s duty to God is to worship and serve HIM –
this is our purpose!**

Verse 2

**Overcomer: Do not be conformed to
this world**

J.B Philipps translation:

“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its mold.”

The world system is controlled by Satan – 2 Corinthians 4: 4

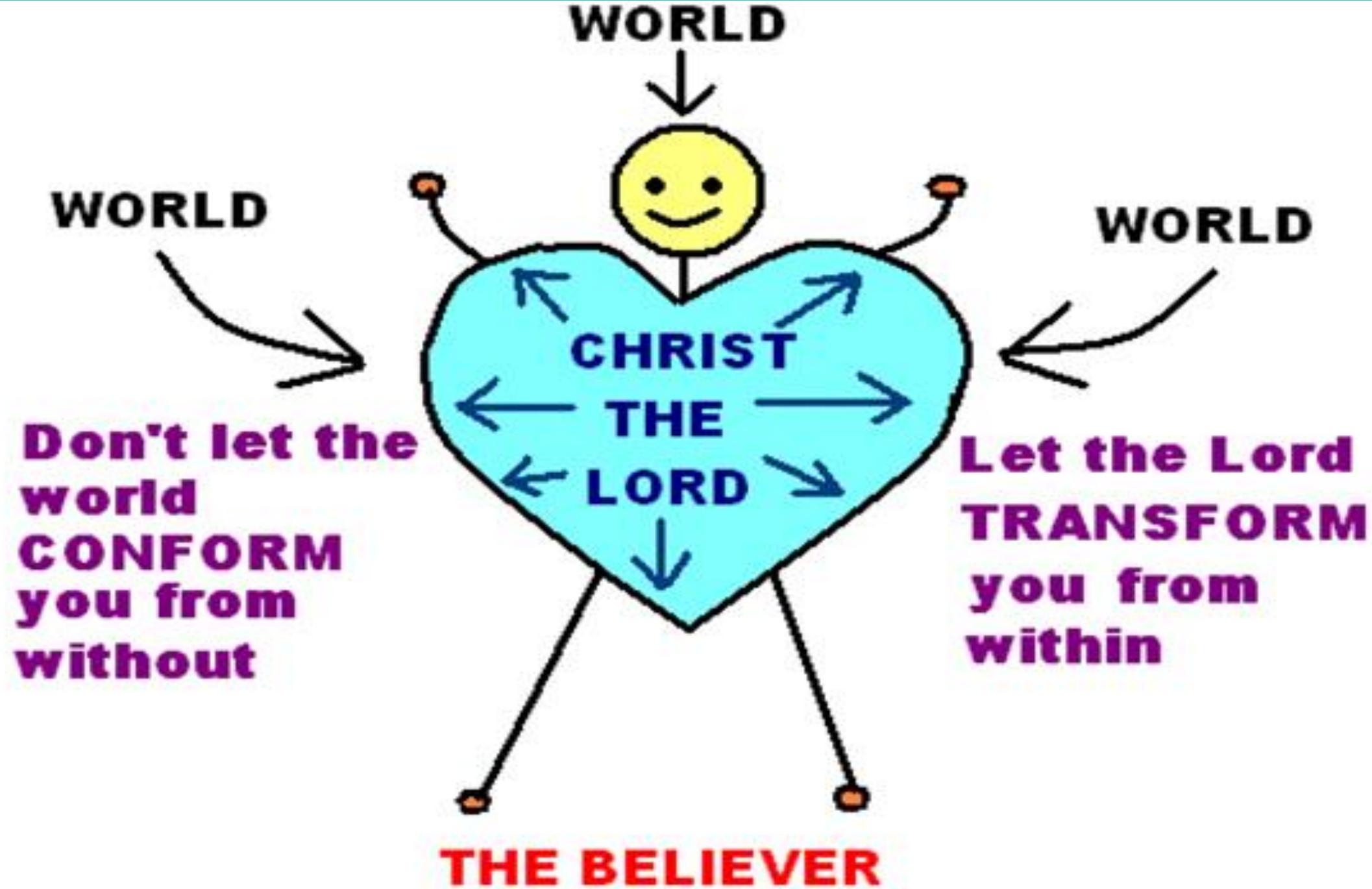
John 12: 31

John 14: 30

Everything in this world system is designed to attract you and pull you away from God

Remember, Satan is great at casting doubt, deception, discouragement, division and destruction

Satan is who he is – a liar, a deceiver, a killer, a killer of dreams, lives and of hope



A transformed mind is not automatic!

Transformed = “*metamorphoo*” = a change of condition; the process of change; a mind, soul change

CAUTION: If we lapse from time with God and His Word, fellowship and service, we will drift back to old ways of thinking and living

We can be taken captive by world think - believers have taken their oars out of the water and drifted back



You can't stop drift on your own!

Drift will only stop when you start to row again and yield to the Spirit's power in you!

**Paul warns: Do not be taken captive by world philosophies –
Colossians 2: 8**

The transformed mind, yielded to the Holy Spirit mind, will not be smoozed by world think, world philosophies, or any aberrant thinking or trend that is thrown at you

The will of God is for the believer to think like God, act like God, live as God wants us to live

CLOSE: Thoughts from Middletown Bible Church

***“I want what God wants, no more, no less;
I want nothing but God’s best;
not my will, but thy will be done!”***

AND GOD SAID: Let us **FORM** man in our image.

THE DEVIL SAYS: I will **DEFORM** man by sin.

THE WORLD SAYS: We must **CONFORM** man in our image.

EDUCATION SAYS: Let us **INFORM** man by knowledge.

SOCIETY SAYS: We will **REFORM** man by culture.

ONLY CHRIST SAYS: I will **TRANSFORM** man by grace.

And God said:

“BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND”