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The Problem with Belonging

Romans 12:2

²Do not conform to the pattern of this world...

1. The longing to belong tempts us to *conform*.

²...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2. We are NOT who we're meant to be, *YET*.

Romans 3:22-23 ^{22b}There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

3. When it comes to belonging, we are our *own* worst enemy.

^{2a}Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

4. The path to belong is not conformity, but *transformity*.

Romans 8:1-2 ¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

5. We belong to each other in Christ in order to become our *true selves*.