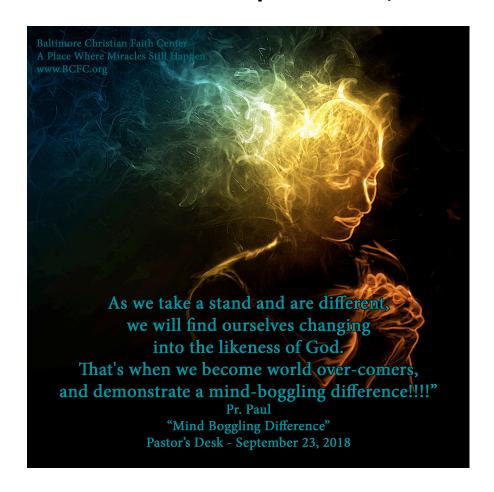
## Mind Boggling Difference! Pastor's Desk – September 23, 2018



Sometimes being different will cost us a hefty price. The natural tendency is to blend in at work and everywhere else. The problem is that in most places, the culture of the day is not exactly what our God is expecting us to be agreement with! And when this is the case my friends, we need to take a stand. We need to be different, even when it will cost us popularity and a few other things.

We read in Rom 12:2: "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (NLT) In another word, if we live *like* the world, we will end up being *overcome* by the world. It's simple as that! Therefore, we should not allow the world to squeeze us into its own mold.

What must I do, then? "Be transformed" by the entire renewal of our minds. It will be a lot easier to overcome the world by having a transformed mind, a God-like mind; and this will take place as we make an effort to renew our minds on a daily basis. It's resolving to act "Word oriented"! My actions will match what is registered in the Word of God. When sin or the world-pattern call out our name, we don't answer. We will agree with the Word of God that says in Col 3:3 "For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." In doing this I am saying no to sin and speaking yes to God's way of thinking! It will blow many minds away! We may be criticized for being different! And you know it is ok to be different; Godly different!!

As we take a stand and are different, we will find ourselves changing into the likeness of God. That's when we become world over-comers, and demonstrate a mind-boggling difference!!!!

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