

**Hope Chapel New Year Theme – “Already Won in 2021”**

**Message Summary:** We are living in an age of conformity like never before. The spirit of conformity is louder than it's ever been. The world is demanding it from everyone. The spirit of conformity has always been around. It just feels unleashed more in this current age. Yet, God's word is crystal-clear when it comes to the world's demanding our conformity. Today we learn to follow Jesus in this oppressive environment showing our kids and our grandchildren how to stand firm against it and win as a team.

**Already WON -  
Against the Spirit of Conformity  
Romans 12:2**

- 1. Win by standing firm in your identity in Jesus** Romans 8:15,16
  - A. What you believe about yourself will either conform or transform
  - B. We must know who we are in order to stand firm and win
- 2. Win by standing firm in your loyalty to Jesus** James 4:4
- 3. Win by standing firm in your citizenship in heaven**  
Philippians 3:19-20
- 4. Win by your perseverance in Christ** Hebrews 10:35-36

**PLEDGE FOR NEW FOURSQUARE MEMBERS OF A LOCAL CHURCH**

*“As new members will you serve the church by faithfulness in fellowship, perseverance in prayer, generosity in giving, diligence in missions, dedication in devotion, readiness in responsibility with the objective of always working in the best interests of your church and the Foursquare Movement?”*

**Say – I will.**

## **2021 LifeGroup Session #1 have begun**

### **LifeGroup Questions**

#### **Begin It (5min) – Prayer & Praise**

#### **Explore It (60min) - Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss how pervasive the spirit of conformity is right now culturally. In what specific ways do you see it manifesting itself? How do you feel about it?
2. Discuss Romans 12:2, I Peter 4:4 and I John 3:13. What is God's expectation of His people? How will the world respond to us if we do not conform?
3. How does our identity in Jesus help us stand firm against the spirit of conformity?
4. How does our loyalty to Jesus help us stand firm against the spirit of conformity?
5. When is it appropriate to set aside the principals of Romans 13:1-2? Remember the person who penned these words was constantly being arrested. Explain this tension.
6. How does our heavenly citizenship help us stand against the spirit of conformity?

**APPLY IT (15min):** How does perseverance help you stand against the spirit of conformity? What areas do you feel the pressure to conform to the world?