

"Transforming Grace"

The Christian Imperative:

Radical Transformation:

The body of sin	Freed from sin
Acts if the sinful self	Fruit of the Spirit
Conformed to world	Renewed in mind
Self-centered	Christ-like
Love of self	Love God and others

An uncomfortable truth:

Transformation is:

Offered by God
Comanded by God
Promised by God

Yet so few are really transformed

Maybe it is not necessary...

But God's Word demands it!!!

Maybe it is not desired

But our hearts crave it!!!

Maybe it is not possible?

But we have seen it happen!!!

If transformation is something God...

Wants for me
Has to power to accomplish
Graciously offers to me

Then why am I still not transformed?

The destructive power of the deceiver:

Life's 8 Great Lies

Lies that keep us from believing in Jesus
Lies that keep us from trusting in Jesus
Lies that keep us from depending on Jesus

Are you a person in need of transformation?

Do you know someone in need of transformation?

Romans 6:5-7

5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin- 7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Galatians 5:19-26

19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Romans 12:1-2

12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, 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 Corinthians 3:17-18

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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