

Lesson 1

Topic: Transformed Into His Image

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 18; Romans 12:1 -2

Aim: To encourage believers to progressively transform and become more like Jesus in character and conduct.

Introduction: Transformation in the context of our study, is an internal change from an “old self” of sin to a “new creation” in Christ, driven by the Holy Spirit, not just better behaviour, but a fundamental renewal of heart and mind. God’s purpose for believers is for them to move from glory to glory. God predestined believers to conform to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). Transformation is a lifelong process of sanctification, and it happens when we continuously look unto Jesus’s glory, character and word like a mirror. It is Spirit-empowered process where a believer’s character, mind and actions gradually change to become like Jesus, reflecting His love, holiness and purpose as they behold His glory through faith in the word. The Holy Spirit actively works this supernatural change from inside-out. It is not just about the outward behaviour but an inward renewal that reshapes values, priorities, and desires to align with God’s will, moving from spiritual immaturity to Christlikeness or from glory to glory.

Discussion Questions

1. How can one intentionally reflect Christ’s character? Col. 2:6; 3:10; Rom. 12:2; Phil. 3:14
2. What are the attributes of a transformed life? Gal. 5:22 – 23; Gal 2:20
3. What can hinder one from living a transformed life and how can they be overcome? Discuss.
4. Discuss the purpose of being transformed into the image of Christ according to Romans 12:2

Conclusion: Transformation involves developing Christ-like qualities like patience, forgiveness, love, a deep prayer life and moving away from conforming to worldly standard. In this journey transformation, we must come with an open and submissive heart. Let the word of God affect your life positively. There are obstacles to living a transformed life which if not addressed could affect our journey of transformation. We can overcome these obstacles by yielding to the Holy Spirit, actively engaging in godly activities, associations and not allowing the pleasures of sin to rule over us.

Memory Verse: Romans 12: 2 “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God”.