

Transformation

Cor. 3:18

How do you feel about the need for transformation in the Christian life? Do you see it as optional, like an accessory on a car? Or as essential equipment, like the engine?

Let's look at a few passages and discuss this topic of transformation. Read Matt. 7:15-23.

Q: What common thing does Jesus use to explain his point to his disciples? What's the difference between a "good tree" and a "bad tree?" How does this relate to the need for transformation in our lives?

Q: How do you feel about verse 23? How do you think the people who hear Jesus say that will feel? How does it make you think about sharing the need for transformation with others?

Q: John Wesley said, "*You know that all religion which does not answer this end, all that stops short of this, the renewal of our soul in the image of God, after the likeness of Him that created it, is no other than a poor farce, and a mere mockery of God, to the destruction of our own soul.*" Why do you think he was so passionate?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:18.

Q: Do you agree with Paul that "we all" need to be transformed?

Q: How does looking at God's glory change us? What do you see when we look at God? Do we see love and acceptance? If so, how does this affect your desire to be transformed?

Q: How do you define transformation? How does this passage define it? Do you think that transformation is a process? When is this process completed?

Q: What is the point of transformation (Look at Rom. 8:29)? What are we being transformed into and why is this goal important? What aren't we being transformed into?

Q: How does transformation work? Do we transform ourselves or does God transform us? Look at Phil. 2:12-13 and Eph. 3:20. Explain.

Q: Pastor Jim once wrote, "*Grace not only saves people, it is the constant reminder that failure is met by God who manages the soul and who began and completes the process of transformation.*" Is this how you see grace working in your life?

Transformation Defined – *Transformation is a process of change over time where we are changed into the likeness of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit as we partner with Him.*