

## Transformation

True transformation takes place as we set in place the 2 critical factors as a child of God

- a. Establishing our life on His Word
- b. Allowing His truth is the basis for our believing.

### Philippians 1:6 (New Living Translation)

<sup>6</sup> And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

### 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (New Living Translation)

<sup>16</sup> But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

### Romans 12:2 (The Message)

<sup>1-2</sup> So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

## God's Purpose for our lives

### a. **Conformed to His Image**

#### **Romans 8:29 (NLT)**

<sup>29</sup> For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

#### **Romans 8: 29-30 (Message)**

<sup>29-30</sup> God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun.

### b. **Christ Like**

**God's design is that we would live our lives as "His Children". His spirit is working in us and the Word of God is transforming our hearts and our thinking. God's plan, His purpose for our lives is that we would become more "Christ Like".**

#### **2 Corinthians 3:18**

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

## Taking the Journey

Living our lives is truly a journey. The one thing that makes our lives rich is relationships, which is why Jesus came to restore us back into a right relationship with God. It is important to remember in all of our relationships; that they grow or they can die. It all has to do with the value we put on the relationship and the focus we put upon it.

3 key aspects to growing in our relationship with God

### a. The Word

#### Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ  **dwell**  in you  **richly**  as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

### b. Worship

#### Psalms 16:11

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in  **your presence** , with eternal pleasures at  **your**  right hand.

### c. Planted

#### Psalms 1:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

<sup>2</sup> But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

<sup>4</sup> But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.

<sup>5</sup> They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

#### Psalms 92:12-14 (New King James Version)

<sup>12</sup> The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup> Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

<sup>14</sup> They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

**Where we plant our lives is one of the most critical decisions a believer will make in their walk with God.**

# The Holy Spirit

God the Holy Spirit comes to live on the inside of us when we receive Christ.

## Three Workings of God's Holy Spirit

### para – with you

- This speaks of the Holy Spirit dwelling with, coming alongside, or inviting a person prior to conversion.
- *“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.” (John 14:16-17)*

### en – in you

- This speaks of the moment a person receives the witness of the Holy Spirit, and subsequently asks Jesus to take away their sin and reside in their heart.
- *“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16)*
- **John 20:19-22**

### epi – upon you

- This experience allows God's Holy Spirit to overflow our (Christian) lives, giving us dynamic power to serve and be witnesses to Him.
- *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*  
**(Acts 1:8)**