

The Power of a Transformed Life in Christ



Colossians 3:1-17

- The word “refreshing” is synonymous to the word rejuvenate, revive, to renew, restore or to refortify.
- Whatever happens in our lives come from how we are thinking.
- Our mind is a control tower that will either lead us to please God and fulfill His purposes or displease God and not fulfill His purposes.
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- God wants us to impact our world, but in order for Him to do that we must change our way of thinking.

A. The mind is the gateway to all the issues in your life whether good or bad (Proverbs 4:23).

1. The greatest battle that we will fight will not be fought on the battlefields of life – but the battlefield in our minds.
2. What we think will make an impression in our minds and our lives is an impression of how we think.
 - Dr. Tony Evans’ definition of spiritual transformation – It’s an internal change that reflects the character of Christ and brings about a corresponding external change.
 - Purpose – to teach us how to become effective and efficient in our walk with Christ as believers.
 - Goal – to allow the Holy Spirit to break down those spiritual barriers in our lives, so that we can maximize our growth and fulfill our God-given purpose.
 - Spiritual Principles – Authority, Grace, Unconditional love, Agreement, Obedience, Faith, Stewardship
 - Objective – (1) The Power of a Transformed Mind, (2) The Power of The Word (3) The Power of Praise and Worship, (4) The Power of the Tongue, (5) The Power of Prayer

B. Eight Things Happen When A Believer begins to think like Jesus Christ.

1. When we think like Jesus Christ – so will our seeking change also!! We will seek after God – not after stuff!! (Matthew 6:33)

2. When we think like Jesus Christ – so will our saying and doing for God!! (John 5:19)
3. When we think like Jesus Christ – there will be limitless possibilities. (1Corinthians 2:16, Matthew 19:26, Luke 1:37)
4. When we think like Jesus Christ – we can accomplish great things for Christ Kingdom. (John 14:12, 1 John 4:4, Ephesians 3:20)
5. When we think like Jesus Christ – we will never put any limitation on what He wants to accomplish in our lives. (Philippians 4:13)
6. When we think like Jesus Christ – we allow others to see God in us! (Matthew 5:16)
7. When we think like Jesus Christ – we allow God to get all the glory! (Acts 14:8-15)
8. When we think like Jesus Christ – we see what He sees in the world. (John 4:35, Matthew 9:37-38)

C. The entire Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) was very active in the thought process of the creation of mankind and God's intended purpose for mankind. (Genesis 1:26-31, 2:7)

- (vs. 26) "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness."
 - In spite of what the enemy would want you to think and believe, the truth of the matter is that God thinks the best of you and God's plan is the best plan for your life.
 - The real you and I are spirit. We are spirit, we have a soul (mind, will, emotions), and we live in a physical body.
 - (John 3:3, 6) – Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
 - (Ephesians 2:1-3) – Apostle Paul declares, "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sin,
 - (2 Corinthians 5:17) – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
1. The word "behold" means to observe, to gaze upon, to look closely at, direct your attention upon.

2. In other words, “behold” the glory of God upon your life through Jesus Christ – observe His grace, His mercy and His goodness in your life.
 - “Behold” the glory of Lord shall be revealed – never forget Christ has done in your life – never waste His breath – His life that is living in you through the Holy Spirit.
 - You are now alive in Christ – a living spiritual being because of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit living in you.
3. Salvation was the beginning of our spiritual transformation, but not a physical or mental change.
 - We became a new creation, but our physical bodies didn’t change, our mindset was still the same – (bad attitudes, fears, insecurities, problems, issues, etc.).
 - There was a spiritual transformation that took place in our lives the very moment we surrender our lives to Jesus Christ and we receive the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. (Titus 3:3-6)
 - The word “regeneration” means new life, new birth, born again. A person becomes spiritually alive, because of their faith and belief in Jesus Christ.
 - God brings us new life through Jesus Christ – a new life from being separated from Him under death trap of sin.
 - (2 Corinthians 3:17-18) – “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty (freedom).¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.
1. It was Jesus Christ who secured our salvation, who gave us the right to eternal life, who purchase our freedom by the power of His blood.
2. It is the Holy Spirit who is now at work in the life of the believer revealing truth of salvation and truth of God’s Word.
3. Through Jesus Christ and the inner work of the Holy Spirit, the believer has the liberty (freedom and victory) to boldly stand for Christ, reflect the glory of the Lord and fulfill His purposes in the earth. (John 8:31-32)

- (vs. 18) – “But we all” – The transforming work of God through Jesus Christ is for all believers.
 - We are “all” being transformed or going through spiritual transformation in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.
 - The word “unveiled faces” – the believer has the privilege of knowing Christ intimately and personally.
 - There is no veil that covers the face or eyes of the believer, nothing to keep them from knowing, growing and having a relationship with the Lord.
 - The joy for believers is that we are able to see the Lord, through His Word and through the presence of power of the Holy Spirit.
4. The believer is transformed into the image of Christ from glory to glory, until we get to glory.
- The believer’s life should reflect Christ – His suffering – His humility – His love – His grace – His mercy – His joy – His peace – His forgiveness – His commitment to God.

D. How is a believer’s life spiritually transformed into the image of Christ?

1. The believer’s life is spiritually transformed by the inner work of Holy Spirit.
2. The believer’s life grows and develops spiritually by hearing and obeying the Word of God. (Romans 10:17, James 1:22-25)
3. The believer’s life is spiritually transformed by renewing our minds with the Word of God. (Romans 12:1-2)
 - Spiritual transformation doesn’t begin on the outside of the person, but on the inside of a person.
 - Whatever is going on inside of a person, will be reflected on the outside.
 - What we see when we look in the mirror, will determine what we see in the world and what the world sees in us.