

Transformation: The Journey of Knowing God (Part 2)

- We Are Fully and Perfectly Saved - Jo 1:16; Col 2:10; II Pet 1:3,4
 - What has happened in our spirit must be physically and psychologically affirmed - I Thess 5:23
 - This transformation is a journey, not a goal - II Cor 3:17-18
 - Transformation cannot be done without God, God doesn't do it without the man
 - Jo 15:5, Ro 12:1-2; Phil 2:12,13
 - Transformation is not about the improvement of my character, but the expression of His nature
- Our Response: Jo 2:1-11
 - A non-selective readiness to be changed - "whatever"
 - An attentive simplicity - "whatever He says"
 - The obedience of faith - "whatever He says, do it"
- Primary Inhibitors to Transformation:
 - Ignorance of the truth - Acts 19:1-7; Matt 24:4
 - Unbelief - Matt 13:58; Heb 3:19
- Forms of Unbelief:
 - A demand for understanding - I Cor 2:6-9,14
 - ...reduce God to our explanations of Him
 - ...understanding may follow, but rarely precedes believing
 - Living in a dream world - Jo 16:33; Acts 14:22; Is 45:3,7
 - ...seek happiness over holiness; success over sacrifice
 - ...we become idol shoppers
 - ...God often makes use of an unpleasant context to reveal the contents of Christ our Life
 - Living for ourselves and neglecting the care of others - Lk 6:38
 - ...transformation takes place in a community of shared life - Eph 4:11-16
 - ...transformation requires a willingness to be for others - Phil 2:1-7
 - ...transformation occurs for givers not takers
 - Blame someone or something else for your sameness
 - ...Rationalizations are excuses for sameness
 - ..."If I'm not being changed, it's not my fault" - Matt 24:4, Jo 16:22
 - ...We are not likely to be transformed until we...
 - ...drop our blaming
 - ...repent of grumbling/complaining
 - ...assume responsibility for working out our own salvation - Phil 2:12-14