

#3 In Christ: In The Arena Of Personal Transformation

Christian Transformation Is Getting Accustomed to Being in Christ – Acts 17:28

- It is dynamic and responsive - II Cor 3:18; Ro 12:2
- It doesn't occur by trying hard to be like Jesus, but in trusting His Life to come out of me as His Life!
...it is always "Personal" – Rev 21:5
- It is about Jesus Christ being ENFLESHED in our person – Jo 1:14
 - ...it is the "living under" life (under His controlling influence) - Ro 8:14
 - ...it is the "living through" life (He is the Source) - Col 1:27
 - ...it is the "living without" life (whatever does not come from Him) - Eph 4:20-24
(examples: without demandedness/life on my terms; fearful self-absorption; heavy investments in what is "passing away"; proud, critical judgment; blame)

We Start the Journey of Christian Transformation Complete in Christ – Col 2:8-10

- We are fully and perfectly saved – II Pet 1:3-4; Eph 1:3
 - ...there are no commands/directives/imperatives contrary to our new creation-ness – Col 1:19; Ro 6:10; I Jo 5:3
- We are moving from "not I" to "but Christ" – Ga 2:20
 - ...God makes use of precipitating events – Ro 8:28 ("all things"); 11:36; II Cor 4:16-17
- There is no transformation in theory – Ja 1:2-4
 - ...but in real life events that come by His "say so" – Ro 11:36; Is 45:7; Ps 119:91

We Cooperate with His Operation – Ro 1:17



- Honesty: grace works when we are honest (Ps 73)
 - ...we stand in the light before God – Ps 139:23-24
 - ...we humbly submit our "story" to Him – I Pet 5:6-7
- Worship: every crisis is the call to worship – Eph 5:20; Ps 16:8
 - ...moving from "Me-ology" to "Thee-ology" - Matt 6:33
 - ...we return to the "single eye" ("This is God for me.") – Matt 6:22
- Listening: we tune and turn our hearts toward God – Hab 2:1; Ps 46:10; Is 40:31
 - ...with a sense of expectancy (I Sam 3:10)
 - ...trusting in His perfect love (I Jo 4:8,18)
 - ...with a single-mindedness (Heb 11:6)
- Responsivity: the obedience of faith – Ro 1:5; 16:26
 - ...“I believe You” – Ro 10:17 ("first-hand" faith!)
 - ...we deprive un-Christ-likeness of its deceptive authority - Ro 6:12-14, 17-18
 - = Spirit filled and flooded with the Holy nature of Christ
 - = Soul tuned and turned to its indwelling supply
 - = Body presented to God as an instrument of righteousness - I Thess 5:23
 - ...we are moved from theological awareness to operational oneness – Jo 13:17; Matt 7:24; Jo 7:17