

The Process of Transformation or Growth

Rev 3:12 He who *overcomes*, I will make him a *pillar* in the temple of My God, and *he shall go out no more*.

- 1) **Faith: salvation is just the beginning to a walk of faith: Rom 1:16**
- 2) **Creative Power: God at work in us**
- 3) **Formulated Strength: A structure to be leaned upon**
- 4) **Settled Stability: the end of vacillation, undependability, stupid pride, foot-dragging**

Rom 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

IT REQUIRES A PROCESS:

I can and will make those who put abiding faith in me reliable people who are dependable and strategic in the building of my church and the advance of my kingdom.

Eph 1:17-19 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

What we see ourselves to be...

What the Spirit prods us toward and promise we will become...

The Process is called discipleship... a learning to live

It is an incarnational process, not an information one.

John 1:14

Truth in facts vs. Truth in flesh

Learning, knowing vs. learning to live, doing, being

A program of rules and regulations, disciplines, do not a disciple make...

Invitation to a new dimension of availability to the Holy Spirit... OUR GOAL...
Why?? The Holy Spirit is given in response to human availability to God's terms...
Bringing Jesus alive in and through us...

Only the Holy Spirit can make the truth flesh... the miracle of incarnation did not take place on the basis of a written word or prophecy!!!

Birth.. Grow...Flow

It is the birthing of new life within us... being born of God, born again, reborn: all describe this transaction.

It is the growth of the character of Jesus Himself from within us...

It is the flowing of God's power through us and touching others...

Growth is the most painful...

- The real objective of real discipleship is growth... in grace, love, giving, ministry... through the POWER:
- 1 Cor 2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.**
- 2 Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that **the excellence of the power** may be *of God and not of us.*
- Eph 1:19 and what is **the exceeding greatness of His power toward us** who believe, according to the working of His mighty power
- Col 1:10-11 that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power**, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;
- Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works in us**,
- 2 Tim 1:8-9 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel **according to the power of God**, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,
- Col 1:28-29 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving **according to His working which works in me mightily.**
- 2 Pet 1:2-11** *Grace and peace* be **<multiplied>** to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His **divine power** has given to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, *through* the knowledge of Him who called us by *glory* and *virtue*, *by which* have been given to us exceedingly *great and precious promises*, that *through these* [promises] you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the *corruption* that is in the world through **lust**. But also for this very reason, **giving all diligence**, **<add>** to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours [ownership] and abound [growth], you will be neither **barren** nor **unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who **lacks** these things is **shortsighted**, even to blindness, and has **forgotten** that he was cleansed from his old sins. **[Therefore]**, brethren, be even more **diligent** to make your call and election *sure*, for **if you do these things** you will *never stumble*; for so an entrance will be supplied to you *abundantly* into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- James 1:22-25** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.
- Philemon 1:6** that the sharing of your faith may become **effective** by the acknowledgment of **every good thing which is in you** in Christ Jesus.
- Eph 3:17** that Christ may **dwell in your hearts** through *faith* . . .
- Col 1:27.** . the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**
- Phil 1:6** being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun **a good work in you** will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

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2 Cor 3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 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.

- ◆ Christ's way of transforming us goes way beyond the OT systems of laws and regulations for self-improvement.

3 Things to Consider in the Transformation

1> The PROCESS

The full process requires 1) a willing heart and 2) an obedient response.

2> The PROMISE

3> The POWER

4710 spoude-

1) haste, with haste

2) earnestness, diligence

a) earnestness in accomplishing, promoting, or striving after anything

b) to give all diligence, to interest oneself most earnestly

2023 epichoregeo (ep-ee-khor-ayg-eh'-o);

from 1909 and 5524; to furnish besides, i.e. fully supply, (figuratively) aid or contribute:

KJV-- add, minister (nourishment, unto).

4129 plethuno (play-thoo'-no);

from another form of 4128; to increase (transitively or intransitively):

KJV-- abound, multiply.

Gal 4:19

19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, (NKJ)

3445 morphoo (mor-fo'-o);

from the same as 3444; to fashion (figuratively):

KJV-- form.

1 Cor 15:45-49

45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

(NKJ)

1 Cor 15:50

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

(NKJ)