

FOUNDATIONS: TRANSFORMATIONS LESSON #2 "FROM DEATH TO LIFE"

Intro. The Christian life is all about transformation.

1. It takes us *from, to...*

Acts 26:18 (NKJV) to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and ***from the power of Satan to God***, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) 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.

- *In tonight's lesson we're going to look at being transformed or changed from death to life!*

John 5:24 (NKJV)

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed ***from death into life***.

2. The Bible tells us that before we got saved, we were dead

Ephesians 2:1 (NKJV)

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

a. We weren't always alive

- *Something dramatic happens when we give our lives to Christ*
- *We are born again; born of the Spirit*
- *We pass from death to life!*

3. The thing we have to learn and grow into is who we really are as believers

2 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)

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.

a. God has given us everything we need to live a good and godly life

- *We need to know who we are in Christ*
- *We are meant to live like we're really alive!*
- *God's word is the only reliable source to tell us who we are and what we have in Christ!*

James 1:23-25 (NKJV)

23 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;

24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

25 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.

I. GOD'S WORD IS LIKE A _____

- *When we look in the word of God it reflects who we really are in Christ*

A. OUR BODIES ARE NOT THE _____

1. We are all made up of _____
 - a. Our bodies are just the outward representation of who we really are; the outer shell

- *We are spirit beings, who have a soul, and live in a body*

2. Who we really are is a _____
 - a. Before we are born again our spirits are dead
 - b. When we give our lives to Christ we are "born again"
 - c. We have a "new spirit" one that's alive

Ephesians 2:1 (NKJV)

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

B. WE NEED TO GET AN IDEA OF WHAT THE "REAL US" _____ _____

1. God's word is the only thing that can give us an _____
_____ of who we are in the spiritual realm

- *These are things that aren't seen with our natural eyes*

James 1:23-24 (NKJV)

23 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;

24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

2. The Bible says _____ is like that mirror

- *It will give a reflection of our spirit*

ex. *Like the mirror in our bathrooms give us the reflection of our bodies, the word of God gives us a reflection of our born again spirit; who we really are.*

The only way we can understand who we are in our spirit is by the reflection we get from the word of God.

- *We need to learn to trust the reflection the word of God gives us about who and what we are on the inside like we trust our mirrors to tell us what we look like on the outside*

James 1:25 (NKJV)

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.***

3. The devil wants us to think we are who _____

Ephesians 4:23-24 (NKJV)

23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

II. _____ GOD'S WORD TELLS US WE ARE

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Philemon 1:6 (NKJV)

that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

- *We have to see it and acknowledge it. ("This is who I am.")*

A. WE ARE _____

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, ***that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.***

- *Because of what Jesus did when He died on the cross, when we receive Him into our lives, we receive His righteousness!*

1. Now it's right here where lots of people get _____

ex. *"Does that mean I can live any old way and do any old thing because I have the righteousness of Christ?"*

That's the wrong question.

The real question is, "Does this mean that I can really live a righteous life?"

And the answer to that question is, yes!

2. This is a huge part of being transformed from _____

- a. When the Bible says we have moved from death into life it's not just using symbolism

- b. Before, we were spiritually dead and now we're spiritually alive

Romans 6:13-14 (NKJV)

13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, ***but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.***

14 ***For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.***

3. This is who we are, _____
 - a. It's not that we'll never sin again, but it's that we don't have to!
 - b. We have a choice; before we were born again we didn't have a choice because it was our nature
 - c. Now we have a new nature, a new born again spirit that we can listen to and follow
4. This is where _____ comes in
 - a. Grace doesn't give us permission to sin, it gives us the ability to live for God!

Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, ***let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably*** with reverence and godly fear.

- *Grace doesn't give us the right to sin*
- *It's gives us the power to get over it!*
- ***"...let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably..."***

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

- *This is what grace does; it gives us the ability to live a life of godliness*
- *Grace isn't just a covering, it's an enabling- helps us be who God made us to be*

5. We've got to see _____ in the mirror of God's word; we are righteous!

- a. The problem a lot of believers have is a *sin consciousness*
- b. We've got to begin to see ourselves in the mirror of God's word

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- *We were dead in sin but now we're alive to something better*

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PRAYER AND CONFESSION:

Thank You Jesus, for making me alive in You. Thank You for the mirror of Your word that tells me what I look like. I am not what I have always been. I am alive in You. I am who Your word says I am. I am the righteousness of God in Christ. Thank You for the power of Your grace that helps me be who I am meant to be, in Jesus' name, Amen.

FILL IN THE BLANKS FROM LESSON #2

I. GOD'S WORD IS LIKE A ____ (MIRROR)

A. OUR BODIES ARE NOT THE ____ ("REAL" US)

1. We are all made up of ____ (spirit, soul, and body)
2. Who we really are is a ____ (spiritual being)

B. WE NEED TO GET AN IDEA OF WHAT THE "REAL US" (LOOKS LIKE)

1. God's word is the only thing that can give us an _(accurate picture)_ of who we are in the spiritual realm
2. The Bible says _(God's word)_ is like that mirror
3. The devil wants us to think we are who _(we've always been)_

II. (WHO AND WHAT) GOD'S WORD TELLS US WE ARE

A. WE ARE (RIGHTEOUS)

1. Now it's right here where lots of people get _(messed up)_
2. This is a huge part of being transformed from _(death to life)_
3. This is who we are, _(RIGHTEOUS!)
4. This is where _(grace)_ comes in
5. We've got to see _(who we are)_ in the mirror of God's word; we are righteous!