# John 1:1 (NKJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:2 (NKJV) He was in the beginning with God.

John 1:3 (NKJV) All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 1:4 (NKJV) In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:12 (NKJV) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

1 Peter 1:22 (NKJV) Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV) having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

**1 Peter 1:24 (NKJV)** because **"All flesh is as grass**, And **all the glory of man** as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,

**1 Peter 1:25 (NKJV)** But **the word of the Lord endures forever**." Now **this is the word** which by the gospel was **preached to you**.

Galatians 5:19 (NKJV) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

**Galatians 5:20 (NKJV)** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

**Galatians 5:21 (NKJV)** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22 (NKJV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23 (NKJV) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:24 (NKJV) And those who are Christ's <u>have</u> crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:25 (NKJV) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



# **THE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION-Part 4**

Saturday-Sunday, October 5-6, 2024

# THE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION

## Repentance is the way of the renewed mind

#### The First thing Jesus began to Preach: Repent.

Matthew 4:17 (NKJV) From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**3566** μετανοέω (*metanoeō*): **repent**, to change one's life, based on complete change of attitude and thought concerning sin and righteousness

Hebrews 12:1 (NKJV) Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV) looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...

**Romans 12:1 (NKJV)** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **you present your bodies** a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your **reasonable** service.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

**TRANSFORM,** trans-fôrm' (Rom 12:2; RV 2 Cor 3:18 for μεταμορφόομαι, metamorphóomai, and AV 2 Cor 11:13, 14, 15 for μετασχηματίζω, metaschēmatízō, RV "fashion"): The comms. often explain the former word as connoting a change of nature, while the latter refers only to the appearance, but this distinction is probably fanciful.

> Renewing the mind is not just about changing thoughts; it's about aligning with God's heart." -Bill Johnson

Isaiah 55:8 (NKJV) "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord.

Isaiah 55:9 (NKJV) "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:10 (NKJV) "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV) So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:12 (NKJV) "For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace...

# "The Christian life is simply a process of having your natural self changed into a Christ self. And this process is all about renewing the mind." -From Mere Christianity." C.S. Lewis:

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any doubleedged sword, it **penetrates** even to **dividing** soul and spirit, joints and marrow; **it judges** the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

### The Effects of God's Word

Psalm 119:11 (NIV) "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

**Proverbs 4:20-22 (ESV)** When we **spend enough time** focused on God's Word, they become **life** to those who find them, and **healing** to all their flesh."

Joshua 1:8 (NIV) & Psalm 1:2-3 (ESV) Talking about and focused thinking on God's Word will cause you to be prosperous and successful."

Jeremiah 15:16 (ESV) "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts." Romans 10:17 (ESV) "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

John 8:31-32 (NIV) "To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

# "The first and most basic thing we can and must do is to keep God before our minds. This is the fundamental secret of caring for our souls, and renewing the mind." -Dallas Willard:

**Romans 8:5 (NKJV)** For those who **live according to the flesh set their minds** on the things of the flesh, but those who **live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. Romans 8:6 (NKJV)** For to be **carnally minded is death**, but to be **spiritually minded is life and peace**.

<u>Romans 8:14–17 (Phillips)</u> All who follow the leading of God's Spirit are God's own sons. Nor are you meant to relapse into the old slavish attitude of fear—you have been adopted into the very family circle of God and you can say with a full heart "Father, my Father". The Spirit himself endorses our inward conviction that we really are the children of God. Think what that means. If we are his children we share his treasures, and all that Christ claims as his will belong to all of us as well! Yes, if we share in his sufferings we shall certainly share in his glory.