

**With God**  
**Part 5**  
“We are Transformed”

**1 Timothy 1** NIV

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- Paul, once **a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man** was shown **mercy**, along with the **faith and love** that are in Christ Jesus
- The Apostle Paul says he became an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

With Man this is impossible

But with God all things are possible

With God we are Transformed

Not just recruited but changed

There is a literal, physical, spiritual transformation that begins the moment you believe and put your trust in Jesus.

The moment you place your trust in him and I want to prove that to you today...

People say with good intent, “We are all God’s Children” but can I tell you biblically that is inaccurate...

## **1 John 3:10** ESV

10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

## **John 1:12** KJV

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Did you know the Devil has offspring?

## **Genesis 3:15** ESV

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

The Bible is clear who ever does not practice righteousness or does not love his brother is a child of the devil...

We understand that Jesus fulfilled this on the Cross by bruising the head of satan...

But it doesn't stop their, this speaks to the redeemed of the Lord today who are the children of God...

There is a very real battle going on between two worlds...

There is much conflict around issues of righteousness and wickedness...

It's more than political, or social, it's spiritual... to this day that conflict remains... It's because there are two different fathers in this world... with two different offsprings...

Not everyone is a Child of God...

But they can be if they will turn their hearts to Jesus...

They can be transformed into Children of God...

## **John 8 - Jesus speaking to Pharisees**

21 Once more Jesus said to them, “I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come.”

22 This made the Jews ask, “Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, ‘Where I go, you cannot come’?”

Does this sound familiar?

Like when Jesus was speaking to his Disciples...

## John 14

2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

## John 8 - Continued

23 But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins."

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30 Even as he spoke, many believed in him.

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

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42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me.

43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! 46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? 47 Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

- Jesus makes it very clear here not everyone is a Child of God
- Jesus says, to be a Child of God they must believe in Him...
- If they do not hear his Words...
- If they do not love Him...
  
- But the Pharisees didn't believe in Jesus
- They sought ways to trap Jesus and even kill Jesus
- They sorted lies about Jesus
- Jesus reveals the heart of the Pharisees when he says "your father is the devil."
- The Devil is always looking for ways to do away with Jesus...

## Galatians 4

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. 23 His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.

Paul is explaining there was a split in the family:  
Ishmael represents the work of the flesh, or born of the flesh  
Isaac represents the work of the spirit, or born of the spirit

From Hagar, (the slave woman) came Ishmael and the Father of the Arab world as we know it...

From Sarah, the wife of Abraham (the free woman) came Isaac and Father of Jacob and the nation of Israel...

From these two men, came two people groups that have been at war from the beginning...

Much of the modern world has tried to bring peace to the Middle East for as long as we can remember...

There has been great enmity between the two...

But something amazing happened when Jesus came...

Because of Jesus and the Cross of Christ God's Grace has been extended to everyone...

Even to the Jew and the Arab and every person in the world...

The Family of God is no longer limited to Isaac's seed and the nation of Israel...

The Grace of God has been extended to whosoever believes that Jesus is the Son of God...

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## Ephesians 2

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself **one new humanity** out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in

one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Romans 11:11 says that because salvation has come to the Gentile it will provoke the Jew to jealousy.

Can you imagine what the Jewish people will think when they see Arabs and Gentiles around the world worshipping a Jewish Messiah that they rejected...

The peace the Jews long to see won't come through peace treaty or US Policy... It will come through Christ...

**Story:** Jews and Arabs worshipping Jesus together in Israel  
Peace is found when both Jew and Arab put their trust in Jesus... Then a Spiritual renew takes place and enmity is gone when both bow their knee to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords...

## **With God we are Transformed to be God's Children**

In John 8 we read where Jesus scolds the Pharisees and says

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Jesus is speaking to Pharisees here  
He states the condition of their hearts  
The blindness of their eyes  
The condition of their spirit

Yet you know who was a Pharisee  
The Apostle Paul was a Pharisee  
He describes himself in Philippians 3 "...a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church."

Yet Paul was transformed from a Child of the Devil to a Child of God

**Our opening Text:**

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## With God we are Transformed to be God's Children

It doesn't matter if your Jew or Gentile  
Rich or Poor  
Male or Female  
Young or Old

## Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

## There is an old Stephen Curtis Chapman Song "What about the Change"

What about the change  
What about the difference  
What about the grace  
What about forgiveness  
What about a life that's showing  
I'm undergoing the change

Can I tell you their really is power, power  
wonder working power in the Blood of the Lamb  
their is power, power wonder working power  
in the Precious Blood of the Lamb

When People are Changed from:

The Chiefest of Sinners...

Children of the Devil...

Into Transformed, Forgiven and Adopted Children of God when truly surrender our hearts, and our pasts, and our sins, and our unbelief to Jesus...

**John 6:29**

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."