

Transform
“The Need for Change”
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When spiritual change is secured by simply altering our behavior we have settled for a cosmetic Salvation.

Transformation occurs not because we do, but because Christ has done.
Ephesians 4:20-24

Change is difficult:

- Because people are stubborn.
- Because people are trapped.
- Because people are comfortable.
- Because people are afraid.
- Because change hurts.

1. Transformation starts with new life, not just a new leaf.
2 Corinthians 5:17
Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

Rules can modify behavior, thus producing a new way of life.
The Gospel produces new life.

2. Transformation is a process, not a destination.
Philippians 2:12-15
“**work out**” means to work hard to show the results of Salvation.

Philippians 1:6

“I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

2 Peter 1:4

3. Transformation is moving from trying to training.
1 Corinthians 9:24-25

Train = I arrange my life around those activities that enable me to do what I cannot now do by direct effort.