

TOTAL TRANSFORMATION

SESSION 2 – It's a Harvest!

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Review:

- **Should there be a change/transformation?**
- **Should there be fruit?**
- **Does my performance change after salvation – Yes**

I. STEPS TO TRANSFORMATION:

1. Understand that I am a three-fold being

1. Spirit
2. Soul
3. Body

2. Understand that the part of me that is born again is my spirit

- i. I am whole in Spirit
- ii. I am complete in Christ

3. Understand that there are parts of you that are not born again

- I am not whole in body and soul
- My spirit is perfect at the new birth and is connected to God
- My body and soul are still connected to this world
- My body and soulish realm need RENEWAL

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TRANSFORMED – METEMORPHO – TO CHANGE TO ANOTHER FORM
Metamorphosis – the process of transformation – from an immature form to an adult form – specifically in stages –

- **WHAT STAGE ARE YOU AT?**
- **WHERE ARE YOU IN THE PROCESS?**
- **MY SPIRIT IS WHOLE BUT... IN MY soul – and in my body – I am still a work in progress.**

I can be WHOLE in one part of me and still not be WHOLE in other parts.

- **Whole in Spirit – not whole in my mind**
- **WHOLE in my SPIRIT and MIND and still be having issues in my body**
- **WHOLE in my SPIRIT and BODY and maybe not be WHOLE in my emotions...**

GOD WANTS YOU TO BE WHOLE – SPIRIT SOUL and body... TOTAL TRANSFORMATION – TOTAL MAKEOVER!

4. TRANSFORMATION COMES FROM THE INSIDE OUT!

- A. I am transformed from my new position in Christ
- B. I do not transform to get my new position in Christ
- C. What WILL occur in your soul and body is a direct result of WHAT HAS ALREADY OCCURRED in your SPIRIT!

Colossians 1:21-23 ²¹**And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled** ²²**In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:** ²³**If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister**

Colossians 1:21-23 New Living Translation (NLT)

²¹ This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. ²² Yet **now** he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

²³ But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News.

- MY SPIRIT IS HOLY
- MY SPIRIT IS BLAMELESS
- I STAND BEFORE HIM WITHOUT A SINGLE FAULT!

NOW FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT I CAN BEGIN TO BE TOTALLY TRANSFORMED

Vantage point – A place or position affording a good view of something

5. MIND RENEWAL – NOT OPTIONAL

- Total transformation requires a renewal of our mind!
- While my Spirit is totally made new through the new birth, my soul and body need to be renewed to the truth of God's word to break free from old thought patterns and habits of the flesh!

II. IT'S A HARVEST!

- Everything in life is connected to SEED
- Life begins as a SEED
- You are a Seed - I am a Seed
- Trees, flowers, vegetables, fruit – all LIFE begins as a seed.
- THE SEED – HARVEST PRINCIPLE

Galatians 6:6-10 KJV ⁶Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. ⁷Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. ⁹And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. ¹⁰As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

NIV ⁷Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up

Galatians 6:7-9 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁷ Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. ⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

- THIS PASSAGE IS TO BELIEVERS
- The believers harvest – in this world – *YOU can't reap corruption in heaven – THIS passage is about reaping the right harvest while here on earth*
- Those who SOW (continue to sow) to their flesh – will reap death and destruction – everything in the death realm;
- Those who SOW to the spirit – will reap a harvest connected to life:
- **IT IS POSSIBLE TO SOW FOR LIFE**
- **IT IS POSSIBLE TO SOW FOR DEATH**

A. DEATH HARVEST: WHAT IS IT?

1. Early death
2. Sickness/disease/ cancer/ etc
3. Poverty – lack – doing without
4. Lack of peace/ joy
5. Failure
6. Loss of battle
7. ANYTHING ASSOCIATED WITH DARKNESS/ EVIL/ BAD/CURSE

B. LIFE HARVEST – WHAT IS IT?

1. LIFE – long life
2. Health – healing
3. Needs supplied – wealth – abundance
4. Peace – joy
5. Success
6. Winning the battles of life
7. ANYTHING ASSOCIATED WITH LIFE/LIGHT/GOOD/ BLESSING

While we are saved/born again in our spirit...IT IS POSSIBLE TO LIVE THIS LIFE WITHOUT REAPING THE FULLNESS OF OUR INHERITANCE/BLESSING – OF SALVATION on earth.

Why? Because of our HARVEST:

MUCH OF WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH IN THIS LIFE – IS A HARVEST!

- Why did I experience this?
- Why do I have these feelings?
- Why do I deal with this addiction?
- Why do I have to put up with anxiety – nervous conditions?
- Why do I face the things that I have to face?
- **IT'S A HARVEST!**
- **A HARVEST ISNT WHAT just occurs**
- **A HARVEST IS THAT WHICH HAS BEEN SOWN”:**

HOW DO YOU SOW:

- You are always sowing
- Sowing through your thoughts
- Sowing through your words
- Sowing through your actions
- Sowing through decisions/ choices
- Sowing through associations
- Sowing through relationships
- Sowing
- Whatsoever is sown WILL COME UP:

FOR TRANSFORMATION:

- SOME WILL NEED TO PULL SOME WEEDS
- SOME WILL NEED TO STOP SOWING SOME BAD SEED
- ALL WILL NEED TO SOW THE RIGHT SEED:

STARTS WITH MIND RENEWAL:"

START WITH THE MIND:

- **MENTAL ILLNESS EXAMPLE: THOUGHT PATTERNS – EFFECTED CHEMICALS IN THE BRAIN...GIVING OVER TO FEAR... WORRY – Jesus speaks of a STRONG SPIRIT – WEAK FLESH – Struggling flesh**

Matthew 26:41 ⁴¹Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak

- Jesus remedy – Pray
- Jesus received strength from God
- Jesus sowed...time in prayer – before the father...
- Jesus reaped a harvest of Strength

Matthew 4:4 ⁴But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

III. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- 1. Renew your mind to Gods way of thinking**
- 2. Sow your mind into God's Word**
- 3. Sow your Word to agree with what God says**
- 4. Sow yourself into Godly relationships – fellowship Church**
- 5. Sow yourself into God's kingdom service**