

TOTAL TRANSFORMATION

SESSION 1 What about my performance?

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INTRO:

- Our recent series - *Identity Theft*
- Identity stolen - identity restored
- Taken our seat - Ephesians -
 1. Seated in righteousness = re-positioned
 2. Keep our seat
 3. Understand our seat

WHEN WE ARE SAVED -

1. **We are saved by grace through faith =**
Faith takes what Grace makes
2. **We are not saved by performance – works**
There are never enough works to earn salvation
3. **We do not keep our salvation through performance – works**
There would never be enough good works to earn our keep

WHAT ABOUT MY PERFORMANCE ?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should there be a change?• Should I expect change?• Should my performance change after salvation? |
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Performance – implementation – the act or process off carrying out....

= behavior - potential being released -

Example - NEW ENGINE performance -

You expect a different performance when you put a new engine in

You expect a different performance when you replace your old air unit

You expect a different performance if you get a new car

THE NEW BIRTH – PRODUCES A NEW PERMORMANCE

THE ANSWER IS YES –YES ---YES -----

BUT..... WHEN PERFORMANCE IS STRONG- WE'RE GOOD

**WHEN PERFORMANCE IS WEAK - WE'RE CONFUSED - FRUSTRATED -
GIVE IN -**

**HOW IS IT THAT MY PERFORMANCE CAN BE STRONG - WEAK -- GOOD -
BAD**

**HOW IS IT THAT AFTER SALVATION - I CAN HAVE GOOD WORKS - FRUIT
AND STILL HAVE SOME Fruit THAT is questionable - bad - or rotten - ????
GOOD PERFORANCE AND Not so good... performance -**

I. YOU ARE THREE PARTS - SPIRIT – SOUL – BODY -

1 Thessalonians 5:23 ²³And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our LORD Jesus Chris

- **NOTICE THREE DISTINCT SECTIONS**
- **SPIRIT – SOUL – BODY-**
- **YOU ARE A THREE PART BEING**

1. Your spirit – is the part of you that connects with God

2. Your soul - Mind, will, emotions –
3. Your body - your flesh that functions on earth

**WHEN YOU ARE BORN AGAIN - THIS IS A SPIRITUAL BIRTH -
YOUR SPIRIT IS BORN AGAIN -**

- Your body is not
- Your soulish realm - natural mind -emotions are not born again.

CONFUSING PASSAGES -

2 Corinthians 5:17 ¹⁷Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- **How many of you found out that all OLD things didn't pass away**
- **How many of you found out that ALL things didn't become new.**
- **What does this passage mean? IT CANT BE WRONG!**

1 John 1:8-10 King James Version (KJV)

⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2:1 ¹My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

1 John 3:9 ⁹Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

- John is addressing believers - my little children
- John first addresses the fact that all sin

- John addresses the remedy for sin in the life of believers
- John declares that if you are born of God you CANNOT sin
- ????????

WHEN I AM BORN AGAIN MY SPIRIT - IS REBORN=

I STILL LIVE IN THE SAME BODY

I STILL LIVE WITH THE SAME MIND/ WILL/ EMOTIONS/

AT THE MOMENT I AM SAVED =

- 1. My spirit is instantaneously saved / changed**
- 2. My soulish realm - is yet to be changed**
- 3. My Body is yet to be changed**

- **My spirit IS transformed - WHOLE -**
- **My soul is being transformed - NOT WHOLE**
- **My body will be transformed = NOT WHOLE -**

IN THE NEW BIRTH - GOD SUPERNATURALLY WORKS ON MY SPIRIT!

- **MY SPIRIT IS PERFECT -**

Colossians 2:6-10 ⁶As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the LORD, so walk ye in him: ⁷Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. ⁸Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. ⁹For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. ¹⁰And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

NIV - in Christ you have been brought to FULLNESS

CEV Contemporary English Version

And you are fully grown because you belong to Christ, who is over every power and authority.

FULLY GROWN? HOW ?

WE know that there is a discipling process

We know that we are to grow by the sincere milk of the Word

We know that we are to mature -

MY SPIRIT IS PERFECT

MY SPIRIT IS GOD LIKE

MY SPIRIT IS CHRIST LIKE

MY SPIRIT IS BORN AGAIN - IN THE LIKENESS/ IMAGE OF GOD

John 4:24 KJV

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

1 Samuel 16:7 ⁷But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

AS BORN AGAIN PEOPLE GOD VIEWS US THROUGH OUR BORN AGAIN SPIRIT

AS BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS WE ARE TO LIVE OUR LIVES... AND APPROACH GOD THROUGH OUR SPIRIT.....

- *I CAN always approach God through my perfected born again spirit*
- *I will always struggle in approaching God... as long as I am focused on my flesh – works of the flesh and body..*
- **MY FOCUS SHOULD BE INWARD - *SPIRIT) NOT OUTWARD * FLESH**
- **I MUST IDENTIFY WITH MY SPIRIT -**
- **TOO MANY ARE IDENTIFYING WITH THE OUTWARD – FLESH -**
- **Problem - the spirit is reborn/complete**
The FLESH is not reborn - incomplete -

MY SPIRIT IS WHOLE - THE REST IS A WORK IN PROGRESS -

Work in progress definition - An unfinished project - still being developed

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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 E**
- **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!

TRANSFORMATION STEPS - CHANGE IN PERFORMANCE -

1. Establish that you are WHOLE in SPIRIT

- My spirit is whole
- I am at peace with God

- I am righteous
- I am justified
- I am holy
- I am unblamable
- I am sanctified

Colossians 1:21-23 ²¹And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now **hath he reconciled** ²²In the body of his flesh through death, to present you **holy and unblameable and unproveable** in his sight: ²³If 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.

Continue in the faith - STAY IN FAITH - DON'T BE MOVED BY WHAT YOU SEE OR FEEL..... FAITH IS BASED ON THE PROMISE OF GOD

– he will never leave me nor forsake me... so don't you leave him!

- **BE ESTABLISHED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS**
- **BE ESTABLISHED IN THE KINGDOM**
- **BE ESTABLISHED AS A CHILD OF GOD**

NOW FROM THIS POSITION – WE CAN MOVE ON IN THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS FOR OUR SOUL AND BODY -

BUT... WE MUST WORK FROM THIS SAVED AND SECURE POSITION IN OUR SPIRIT

STEP 2 = MIND RENEWAL

- The vast majority of Christians fail to renew their mind
- A change of mind
- A change of heart
- TRUE REPENTANCE
- JESUS GOAL was to get those of his day to have a change of heart toward religion and accept the new covenant /

WE MUST RENEW OUR MIND

- GOD
- Goodness
- Love
- Plan

HOW - church Word ... fellowship Tim3e

MIND RENEWAL IS A PROCESS

PROCESS DEF- SERIES OF ACTIONS OR STEPS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE A PARTICULAR GOAL -

Time and effort -

2 cor 10:3-5 kjv

³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of

strong holds;) ⁵Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;