

Transformation

You believe in Jesus... Now what???



Is it a →

2 Corinthians 3:18
But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

...NO!

After a person has believed into Jesus Christ and accepted Him as their savior, we may think that this is all God wants. However, the New Testament reveals that God desires so much more for His believers. Our believing into Christ can be considered a birth, while transformation is the growth of that baby into full maturity. We will use three words from the bible to describe this process: transformed, conformed and glorified

Transformed

Mainly in this life

\tran(t)s-'fɔrm\ verb: To change in condition, nature, or character.

Transformation is the life of God working in a believer. This will definitely affect the believers conduct. The life of God within grants the believer, as he grows, an expression of God in his daily life. This is not an instant change, but is achieved through our entire life.

2 Cor. 3:18 tells us how we are transformed! It happens by our beholding the glory of the Lord. It is by spending time with the Lord. But for this you must have an unveiled face. This means that you have dealt with any “veils” that prevent fellowship between you and Him. In this way we will as the verse says, be changed to be just as Christ is, from one degree of glory to another. This indicates there is a step by step process of maturing that takes place.

1 Peter 5:10, Rom. 12:2, 2 Cor. 3:18

Conformed

Mainly in this life

\kɒn-'fɔrm\ verb: To be similar or identical.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers. Rom. 8:28-29

This verse reveals we are to be conformed to the image of His Son. Transformation is the process by which we become like Christ. Conformation is the end result of transformation. It is the point at which a believer fully matures and matches Christ. 1 John 3:2 says that If Christ is manifested, we will be like Him! This is a wonderful definition of conformation, we are just like Christ Himself. Today, in this life we can be Conformed to the Image of Christ.

Romans 8:29, 1 John 3:2, 2 Cor. 3:18

Glorified

In the next age

\'glɔr-ə-, fɪ\ verb: acknowledge the glory belonging to, recognize as glorious;

“Leading many Sons into Glory” Heb. 2:10a
“From Glory to Glory” 2 Cor. 3:18
“...Those whom He justified, these He also glorified.” Rom. 8:30

These selected passages above refer to the phase of glorification that every believer will experience. Glorification is the final step of God’s changing and maturing us. Eventually, we as God’s sons will be led into full glory, where our sinful nature will be fully eradicated from our body, and our body of flesh will be completely saturated with the Glory of God, which is just God Himself (Jer. 2:11). With this step we will be fully matured in spirit, soul and body. This will happen after the Lord’s second coming.

1 John 3:2, Heb. 2:10a, Rom. 8:17-21, Rom. 8:23, Rom. 8:28-30, Jeremiah 2:11, 2 Cor. 3:18