

A Different Kind of Church #1
Transformed Lives 2Cor 3:18
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God Transforms Lives!

A. Transformation occurs when you encounter the true God!

1. God's purpose is to change people (Rom 6:4). This begins at salvation (1 Pet 3:18; Jn 3:3; 1 Pet 1:3). He did this because we needed to be transformed.
2. God is the one doing the transforming work (Jn 1:12-13; see 2Cor 3:18). He is the only one who could change us. If we could have changed ourselves, we would have done it already.
3. We are being transformed to look more like Jesus (Rom 8:29-30). He is making us look more and more like His son, Jesus, in every way. The result is a life worthy of His sacrifice (Eph 4:1; 1Thes 2:11-12).

B. This transformation is both instantaneous and progressive.

1. When we encounter Jesus, we are immediately transformed (Col 1:13), We have been made alive in Him (Eph 2:1, 5).
2. As we grow on Him, we continue to be transformed day by day (2 Cor 3:18) through the choices we make in following Him (Eph 4:17-24; Col 3:5-10) and allowing Him to shape our thinking (Rom 12:2).
3. Our ultimate transformation will come when we enter the heavenly realm to live with Him forever (Phil 3:20-21)