

CrossRoads Community Church
Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of October 18, 2020
Transformation...God Making All Things New
Part 1: The Transformation of Self, Ephesians 1: 3-12

As we are soon to move into our new facility, this is a perfect time to re-examine our purpose as a church, to consider how we are aligning with God's leadership in our lives, and truly reflect a spirit of transformation that will impact our community and beyond.

TODAY'S TRUTH The aim of Christian mission is not making well-adjusted, and well-behaved unbelievers, but a complete change of individual lives and all of culture. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

1. POSSESSING A NEW FAITH

Ephesians 1:3 "God...has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,..."

- ***A New Realm – Romans 8: 29-30***
- ***A New Response – Philippians 3: 7-11***

2. PART OF A NEW FAMILY

Ephesians 1:5 "having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,..."

- ***Adopted According to His Good Pleasure – Romans 8: 15-17***
- ***Accepted in the Beloved – Colossians 1: 13-14***

"In Roman culture, for an adoption to be legally binding, 7 reputable witnesses had to be present, attesting to its validity. God's Holy Spirit confirms the validity of our adoption, not by some inner, mystical voice, but by the fruit He produces in us (Galatians 5:22,23) and the power He provides for spiritual service (Acts 1:8)."

John MacArthur

3. PERCEIVING A NEW FUTURE

Ephesians 1:10 "that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – in Him."

- ***The Completion of History – Revelation 21: 1-5***
- ***Our Completion in Him – Colossians 2: 8-10***

CONCLUSION

"The church, the communities we serve, the nation in which we live, and the nations where we send our missionaries are desperately looking for hope. They're looking for transformed lives and transformational churches."

Thom Rainer, Transformational Church