Transformed into the image of God - the fruits of the Spirit part 1

**Experience Spiritual Transformation**

**Monday**

Read Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:16-17, Genesis 3

Sin has caused us to fall from the perfect image of God we should be. **Journalize** the bad ways this affected Adam and Eve.

**Tuesday**

Read Psalms 8, Hebrews 2:5-9

**Meditate** on Psalms 8 today.

**Wednesday**

Read Romans 8:29, Philippians 3:21, 1 Corinthians 15:49, Ephesians 1:5

**Journalize** all the ways Jesus has transformed your life. What part of you do you wish He would change now?

**Thursday**

Read Colossians 3:9-10, Isaiah 61

To change into a better person, you have to “take off your old self” and “put on your new self.” **Practice** this today.

**Friday**

Read Micah 6:8, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Jeremiah 18:1-10

If you want to be a better person, be conform-able, mold-able, change-able, humble, and teach-able. **Receive** what God is trying to show you.

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How do you “find” favor with God? By being transformed into the image of Jesus.

How can we be transformed into the image of Jesus?

**2 Corinthians 3:18 New International Version (NIV)**

**18**And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 4:4 New International Version (NIV)**

**4**The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**Colossians 1:15 New International Version (NIV)**

**15**The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**Genesis 1:27 New International Version (NIV)**

27 So God created mankind in his own image,

    in the image of God he created them;

    male and female he created them.

What was it like for Adam and Eve to be created in the image of God?

* They were blessed to increase in numbers and be fruitful
* They ruled over creation (instead of being ruled by creation)
* They had ample provision
* They had perfect connection with God
* They weren’t lonely
* They had satisfying purpose
* They felt no shame

When you are created in the image of God, really good things will happen to you.

**Genesis 5:3 New International Version (NIV)**

**3**When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.

It makes a father proud.

**Genesis 2:16-17 New International Version (NIV)**

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

What did mortality show to happen to Adam and Eve’s once perfect image of God?

* Fruitfulness would be painful and hard
* Creation would be tough to rule
* Toil for provision
* Interference with relationship with God
* Death would produce loneliness
* Distracted purpose
* Experienced shame

**Romans 1:23 New International Version (NIV)**

**23**and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

So is there no hope for us or is there some way to recover this utopian state we lost?

**Psalm 8:4-8 New International Version (NIV)**

4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,

    human beings that you care for them?

5 You have made them a little lower than the angels

    and crowned them with glory and honor.

6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;

    you put everything under their feet:

7 all flocks and herds,

    and the animals of the wild,

8 the birds in the sky,

    and the fish in the sea,

    all that swim the paths of the seas.

**Romans 8:29 New International Version (NIV)**

**29**For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

conformed - fashioned, conformable (moldable), transformed to bear the likeness of His Son

gk - summorphose - metamorphosis - morph

morph - change smoothly from one image to another by small gradual steps using computer animation techniques

METAMORPH'OSIS, *noun* Change of form or shape; transformation; particularly, a change in the form of being; as the *metamorphosis* of an insect from a caterpillar state into a winged animal.

summorphoses - "together with" "form embody essence" changed based on a pre-existing pattern, in other words, to conform form or shape based on a pattern. Conformed by sharing the same inner-essence identity.

Embody clarity, embody purity, embody evil.

**Philippians 3:21 New International Version (NIV)**

**21**who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**Ephesians 1:5 New International Version (NIV)**

**5**he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

We are physically born as God's creation, but not as His sons and daughters.  We are adopted as His children and from there we begin the lifelong process of conforming to His image.

**1 Corinthians 15:49 New International Version (NIV)**

**49**And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

**Colossians 3:9-10 New International Version (NIV)**

**9**Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices**10**and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

In order to be conformed to Christ's image, you must know what His image looks like.

**Isaiah 61:3 New International Version (NIV)**

**3**and provide for those who grieve in Zion—

to bestow on them a crown of beauty

    instead of ashes,

the oil of joy

    instead of mourning,

and a garment of praise

    instead of a spirit of despair.

**[1 John 3:2](https://biblehub.com/1_john/3-2.htm)**

Beloved, we are now children of God, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when Christ appears, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is.

We must be conformable…moldable...changeable...humble...teachable...pliable...receive what he is trying to give you

**Micah 6:8 New King James Version (NKJV)**

8 He has shown you, O man, what is good;

And what does the Lord require of you

But to do justly,

To love mercy,

And to walk humbly with your God?