

# Keeping the Church Holy and Blameless

## - Ephesians 4:17-24 -

- A. There have been many spiritual "extreme makeovers" of people who have been converted to Jesus Christ. Conversions some thought would never be possible...
- B. God calls to transformation. He saves us by grace through faith (**Eph 2:8-10**). There is more to transformation than forgiveness...
- C. **Ephesians 2:10** says we are God's \_\_\_\_\_ .
- D. God's expectation is for us to change. The transformation of our life says to God, "Thank you for your grace & making my salvation possible". We should see salvation is a "\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_"
- E. Transformation is something the \_\_\_\_\_ needed in their life (**Matt 23:4, 27,28**). They were "white-washed sepulchres" .
- F. We make a grievous mistake by thinking there is not much to change once we become a Christian. God wants to make a real conversion and change in our attitude and behavior...

### 1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

- A. " \_\_\_\_\_ " The word in the Greek is the same word we know as **metamorphosis**. It is what happens when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. It is a **change** that neither looks nor functions the same as before.
- B. Some people may wonder: Why should I change? What's wrong with me anyway? Can't people accept me for who I am?
- C. Do we not understand God's intent with Jesus Christ in us is to change us?? Transformation will be a continual process. The first thing which changes is our thinking - "by the renewing of your mind"! (**Rom 12:2; Eph 4:22-24**)...
- D. There is to be a 'before and after' picture of us. Unless this change takes place, the church will lose holiness and blameless...

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Our quality of life is determined by the quality of our thinking... Our life in Jesus is allowing God to teach us a new way to think. The end result is we adopt God's definition and concept of **GOOD** , what is **ACCEPTABLE**, and what is **PERFECT**...
- B. Notice how it is said in **Col 3:1-4**...
- C. Look at how transformation is described in **2 Peter 1:2-4**. Our appraisal of things is not by what everyone else thinks, but what God thinks...
- D. The result of a renewed mind is: (1) You love God with your all (**Matt 22:37**), you focus on spiritual things (**Rom 8:5,6**), you cast down everything exalted against godliness (**2 Cor 10:3-5**), and you think about the things that are worth of praise (**Phil 4:8**)...

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. Can it be proved in your life as a Christian that the word of God is good, acceptable, and perfect?
- B. "Prove" means "to scrutinize, test something to see if it is genuine... to judge worthy". Our transformation gives credibility to the absolute truth of the scriptures. If we fail to transform, no one will see a difference, and Christianity will attract no one...
- C. What transformation proves is that judgment between right and wrong actions can be made (**Eph 5:8-11,17; Jn 7:17**).
- D. Transforming will appraise the will of the God as the most excellent way, not just any way will do. The Jews approved by words what was excellent in the law, but they did not follow it (**Rom 2:18-24**). In **Phil 1:9,10**, Paul prays they continue in what they are doing, because it would "approved the things that are excellent"...