

Target: Transformation

We sometimes think of knowing Jesus as in what we do. Sometimes we even think of knowing Jesus in terms of what we don't do. Jesus is not just trying to get rid of a few things in our lives. He is transforming us.

Scripture(s): Colossians 3:5-11

Remember this - Encountering Jesus should not just modify us a bit. Truly encountering Jesus _____ us!

I. The first transformation that happens to those who are being built up in Christ is we think of our _____ differently. Dead means _____.

II. The second transformation that happens to those who are being built up in Christ is we think of our _____ differently.

"Natural" actions are not _____ and needs do not have to rule us.

Galatians 5:16-17, 25 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please...25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

III. The third transformation that happens to those who are being built up in Christ is we think of _____ differently. People are not _____ to overcome. They are fellow image bearers of the God who _____ us so much.

James 3:8-10 8 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; 10 from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

Galatians 5: 13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Implications:

1. There are things that God wants us to see as so foreign to us that it is as if those things were _____ to us.
2. The list of actions we will never take should be _____ larger than we often think.
3. We don't fully understand faith or God until we see ourselves as _____ of each other rather than merely separate people who happen to live on the same planet.

How can we live this out?

1. Cultivate self-control in your feelings by noticing those things that push you _____ of control and replacing them.
2. When you cross lines you shouldn't, start _____ for it immediately.
3. Treat all people with respect and _____, no matter your relationship to them.

Ask Jesus...

Am I chasing You in all the ways that I can?

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