
The Church on Mission

Victory Life Church — Pastor Jacob Sheriff

Part 3: “Transformation” - Sunday, February 21, 2021

Introduction

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The calling to discipleship is not primarily Jesus calling us to *do*, but to *become*.

“Christianity can only succeed as a guide for current humanity if it does two things. First, it must take **the need for human transformation** as seriously as do modern revolutionary movements...Second, it needs to clarify and exemplify realistic methods of human transformation. It must show how the ordinary individuals who make up the human race today can become, through the grace of Christ, a love-filled, effective, and powerful community.”¹ ~ Dallas Willard

Romans 8:29 (ESV) For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Spiritual transformation is the Spirit-driven, grace-empowered process of forming the inner world to be like Christ’s inner world.

Romans 12:1-2 (ESV) I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Inspiration—Revelation—Integration—Transformation

1 Timothy 4:7-8 (ESV) Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather **train** yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV) And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

¹ Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, Preface, pg. ix