

# The Image of Christ

## Introduction

### 1. The word “image” means likeness.

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

## Christ is the Image of God

### 1. He is the very image of His substance.

Hebrews 1:3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

### 2. Christ is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

### 3. He is the photograph of God.

**John 4:9**

**John 12:21**

## Christians Are to Become Like Christ

### 1. We are to strive to be just like Him.

John 3:2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that **You are a teacher come from God**; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

### 2. In fact this should be our destiny and glory.

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### 3. This is to become like God.

2 Peter 1:4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, **that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

## The Process of Transformation

1. The word **"trans"** means "over" or "across;" **"forma"** means "to make, or "to form."
2. Metamorphose means to change the form.
  - A. As a caterpillar to a butterfly.
3. It is to transfigure.

Matthew 17:2 and He was **transfigured before them**. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

#### 4. We are to be transformed into Christ's image.

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#### 5. How does this transformation occur?

**Romans 12:1-2**

### The Process of Conformation

1. This is to make like in form; to harmonize.
2. We are to conform to His very image. (As we read earlier)

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3. This conformation should be an inward conformity.

### The Task of a Christian

1. Our task on earth is to become just like Christ.
2. In this process of transformation we are:
  - A. Removed further from the world.
  - B. When this happens then the process of conforming should be going on at the same time.
3. Each new trait that we see in Jesus is a new obligation that should incur in each of us.

## Conclusion

1. All of us are seeing each day how much more corrupt the world around us is becoming.
2. It is difficult to keep focused on what God wants us to do and become.
  - A. But focus – we MUST!
3. Let us constantly strive to keep Christ firmly implanted at the forefront of our mind and in our thought process.
  - A. When we do, others will be able to clearly see that we are striving to be the very image of Christ.
4. We should all be able to say to others as Paul said, *“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ”* (1 Corinthians 11:1).
5. Are we striving to be **“The Image of Christ?”**

