

**‘The Mystery of transformation’  
(Colossians 1:17 & 28)**

**Intro:** The wonderful part of being a Believer, and there are many, is that we can understand what the unsaved can't, and we can comprehend what they can't! We have the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit of God whose ministry is to lead us into all truth. In order to accomplish this the Holy Spirit will \_\_\_\_\_ us from God's infallibly, preserved Word. Our part once we are redeemed is take the time to study the Word of God for without doing so, we will remain,

1. Saved and carnal – **I Corinthians 2:15 – 3:3.**
2. Saved and ignorant (walking in darkness) – **John 12:35 & I John 1:6.**

As in prior studies I have stated that God did not reveal all of His future plans to the Old Testament saints. They were mysteries or hidden from them until God revealed them in the New Testament and this doctrine of 'transformation' is one of those that was hidden from them of the Old Testament. In the Old Testament period the Holy Spirit would come upon individuals or groups and empower them for some immediate need. Samson is a prime example and even King Saul's son and his armor bearer who took on a garrison of the Philistines. I do not know if we completely understand how blest we are in that we have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit residing in us, sealing us, guiding, leading us into truth and making the Word of God understandable and comprehensible.

To day we will be looking at the word 'transformation'

**I. There is the mystery of \_\_\_\_\_ – **Colossians 1:27 – 28 & Romans 8:29.****

A. The word transformation \_\_\_\_\_ appear in the Bible as a word, however, the process is readily taught as a process.

1. Transformed does appear 3 times in the New Testament, and a fourth if you count Transforming.

a. Transformed from **Romans 12:2** is the only one in which God commands \_\_\_\_\_ to be transformed, it is in the present tense, passive voice and imperative mood. And it refers to a permanent state of change which takes place.

b. The others are a \_\_\_\_\_ condition from which a change happens,

**(II Corinthians 12:13, 14, 15,)** In verses **13 & 14** the action is in the middle voice meaning this is something they have done to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. When God makes a change in our lives it is a \_\_\_\_\_ change while the best Satan can offer is a transient change that is both \_\_\_\_\_ and temporary. (P/T, P/V)

B. In **Romans 12:2**, it is \_\_\_\_\_ that we do not allow ourselves to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the world via philosophy, creed, reasoning and desires. (“not conformed”)

1. Rather that we \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s process of being transformed by the renewing of our minds.

2. A continuous process in which the Redeemed of the Lord becomes, day by day, more like Him.

3. Hence the mystery is this glorious \_\_\_\_\_ in which a sinner comes to a saving faith in Christ and receives the indwelling Holy Spirit of God to make the transformation possible as the Holy Spirit exercises His ministry within –

**Romans 8:29** & **John 16:7 – 15**.

4. This cannot be accomplished in and of \_\_\_\_\_ because by ourselves we do not have the knowledge nor the wisdom that is only imparted by God, we are incentivized by the Holy Spirit to whom we must yield and surrender our will.

5. The Holy Spirit is transforming those who \_\_\_\_\_ with Him, to become more like Christ in thought-life, our reasonings, our desires, our actions and reactions.

6. And should, if we aren’t already wise in this, that our \_\_\_\_\_ is going to fight us Every step of the way – **Galatians 5:17** isn’t the end of the story because **Gal. 5:18** starts out “But” (**Galatians 5:25**)

7. It requires us to be cooperative – imperatively so!