

## Week 5- Transformation

What does a Christian look like? What does it mean to be like Christ? The New Testament explains that Christians are to be representatives of Christ. They are ambassadors to the world. When the world meets a Christian, they meet a representative of Christ. They should see someone that acts like Christ. In a way, we are mini-Christ's. We cannot live exactly like Christ, but with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can get close to resembling him.

Romans 12: 1-2 reads, "Therefore I urge you brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

When you become a Christian, you should see change in your life. Your old habits should change into new habits. Your old habits should begin to disappear, and your new habits should take over. These new habits could be reading your bible, memorizing scripture, praying to God, attending a church, helping the needy, and many more. You should also see the fruit of the spirit in your life-love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and self-control. Your thought life should also change. Before you gave your life to Christ, your thought life was centered around yourself and your sin. When you submit your life to Jesus, your thought life should be focused on glorifying Christ.

Everything changes when you start to follow Jesus. You should not look the same. In the book *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis, a child named Eustice Scrubb gets turned into a dragon. He is angry and bitter that he cannot turn himself back into a boy. He claws and claws trying to rip the scales off himself but is unsuccessful. Finally, a great lion named Aslan begins to claw away at Eustice and starts to tear off the scales from him. It's painful for Eustice and it does not happen instantly. It takes time. Eventually, Aslan tears off the scales and Eustice is transformed back into a boy. This is very similar to a new Christian. Only by relying on Christ, can your scales be ripped off and transformation begins. Jesus is the only way that you can become a new person. It might hurt and it might take a long time, but eventually you will begin to look like him.

### **Questions to Consider:**

- 1. What does it mean to be like Christ?**
- 2. Should a Christian look different then the world? How?**
- 3. What habits should be different in a Christian's life?**
- 4. What does the story of Eustice Scrubb tell us about transforming into Christ?**