We Are Being Transformed into the Image of Jesus

Romans 8v28-30; 2 Cor. 3v16-18; Gal. 4v19

I INTRODUCTION

A) The highest ambition of a Jesus follower is to be transformed heart, soul, mind, and strength into His image. On our own, we are incapable of following in his footsteps, yet as the Spirit of Jesus fills us in ever increasing fashion, we find that it is not we who live, but Christ who lives in us! While this often occurs progressively, there are moments of crisis when we are suddenly reminded that apart from the transformative work of the Spirit, change is impossible until we are filled anew.

II GOD'S GOOD PURPOSE IS TO CREATE A FAMILY

A) How does he achieve this good purposes? *(v28)*

i) By working _____ things for good

B) For whom does he work all things for good?

i) Those who _____ God & are _____ according to his purpose

C) What is the outcome of God's working all things for good? *(v29a; Job 10v8-9; Is. 29v16; 64v8; Jer. 18v4)*

i) His people are _____ to the image of Jesus

D) How does this achieve his good purpose? *(v29b; Rom. 8v1 9-10, 15; Heb. 2v11)*

i) Being conformed to Jesus' image makes us his _____

III IN GOD'S FAMILY JESUS IS THE ELDER BROTHER WE IMITATE

A) How do I know I'm starting to look like Jesus? (*Phil. 3v10-11)*

i) Relating to God the way Jesus does *(Matt. 6v9; John 17v1; 1 Cor. 6v18-20; 1Thess. 4v7; 1 Pet. 1v15-16; 1 John 3v9)*

ii) Relating to people the way Jesus does *(John 13v34-35; Matt. 28v19-20; Acts 1v8; John 17v18; 20v21; Luke 5v31)*

IV **THOUGHTS WHO LOOK LIKE JESUS BEAR THE FAMILY RESEMBLANCE**

A) Two pictures of transformation

i) Offering up our bodies as _____ _____ *(Rom. 12v1-2)*

ii) _____ the Glory of God *(Ps. 115v8; 135v18; 2 Cor. 3v16-18; Col.1v15; Heb. 1v3; Jam. 1v22-24)*

B) Practical means:

i) Relationship: walking with Jesus daily *(Gal. 5v16, 25; Eph. 4v1; Col. 2v6)*

ii) Suffering + crisis: walking in Jesus' footsteps *(Rom. 5v3-5; 8v17; 2 Tim. 2v3; 1 Pet. 2v21; Jam. 1v2-4)*

iii) Imitation: follow me as I follow Christ *(1 Tim. 1v2, 18; 2 Tim. 1v2, 13; 1 Cor. 4v16; 11v1; 2 Thess. 3v7,9; Heb. 13v7; 1 Pet. 5v1; 1 John 2v1; 3 John 1v11)*

V **CONCLUSION**

A) One day we will be perfectly like Jesus *(1 Cor. 15v49; Phil. 3v20-21; 1 John 3v2)*