

Spirit-Filled Transformation

Everyday Supernatural Living – Part 18

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

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.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Ezekiel 36:26 (ESV) And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

1. Recognize God's Divine _____

Acts 10:24–26 (ESV) And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man."

Acts 10:27–29 (ESV) And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me."

Acts 10:30–31 (ESV) And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.'

Acts 10:32–33 (ESV) Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

2. Embrace the Gospel's _____

Acts 10:34–36 (ESV) So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),

Acts 10:38–39 (ESV) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,

Acts 10:40–41 (ESV) but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Acts 10:42–43 (ESV) And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

3. Receive the Spirit's Transformative _____

Acts 10:44–46 (ESV) While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Acts 10:47–48 (ESV) Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Spirit-Filled Transformation Study Guide

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Intro. How does the Holy Spirit transform people (2 Corinthians 3:18)?

In what ways is a believer a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)?

What does God do with the hearts of people who are saved (Ezekiel 36:26)?

How must we cooperate with God's transformation of our lives?

1A. Why do you think that Cornelius tried to worship Peter (Acts 10:24-26)?

1B. What had God taught Peter about Gentiles (Acts 10:27-29)?

1C. Does God listen to and answer prayers of unbelievers (Acts 10:30-31)?

1D. How would you describe Cornelius' heart attitude (Acts 10:32-33)?

1E. What kind of divine appointments should we pray for in our lives?

2A. Why did Peter begin his message talking about Jesus Christ (Acts 10:34-36)?

2B. How did Peter describe the ministry of Jesus (Acts 10:38-39)?

2C. Why is the resurrection of Jesus essential to the Gospel (Acts 10:40-41)?

2D. What important aspects of the Gospel did Peter present in Acts 10:42-43)?

2E. How would you present the Gospel to someone in five minutes?

3A. What was the sign to Peter that his listeners had been Spirit baptized (Acts 10:44-46)?

3B. Why is it important for new believers to be water baptized (Acts 10:47-48)?

3C. Why is it essential that every new believer be Spirit-baptized (Acts 10:44-46)?

3D. Explain why speaking in tongues has been given by God to help a believer grow spiritually (1 Corinthians 14:4).