

FOR PROFOUND UTTER TRANSFORMATION

JOHN 1:14

Please personalize answers to the questions in the lesson by answering “I”, not “you”!

BACKGROUND: As a born again child of God, the Holy Spirit gives you “helps” as He transforms you into His image. The helps include church, small groups Bible studies, and (perhaps the greatest help of all), personal, daily time with Him in the Word and prayer.

JESUS GIVES HIS GLORY. In studying bite-sized sections of Scripture, you recognize who Jesus is and enjoy His presence as He reveals to you His glory. Glory is the “true apprehension of God.” Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament, p.478. This beholding (contemplation through personal daily Bible study) is “the very means that the Spirit uses to bring about our utter transformation into the image of God’s glory.” Gospel Transformation Bible, footnote for II Corinthians 3:18. (**John 1:14, fn 1:14[1st], II Corinthians 3:12-18, fn 3:13-18, fn 3:18, Hebrews 10:21-25, fn 10:21, 22, fn 10:22-25**) *In your twenty-hour hour day, what hour could you set aside to seek God’s glory in the Scriptures in prayer and worship?*

JESUS GIVES UNMERITED GRACE. Grace includes God’s kindness, love, and forgiveness for you. It is God’s unmerited favor. “Dr. Harry Ironside wrote ‘Grace is the very opposite of merit...Grace is not only undeserved favor, but it is favor shown to the one who has deserved the very opposite’” James Montgomery Boice, The Gospel of John, Volume 1, p.92. As you spend time meditating and praying over His Word and contemplating the Lord’s glory, He uses grace (His power) to transform you more and more into His image. (**John 1:14, Ephesians 2:4-9, fn 2:8, 9, Ephesians 1:6-8, fn 1:7, 8, II Corinthians 12:7-10, fn 12:10, Hebrews 11:6, II Timothy 2:1, fn 2:1, James 4:6**) *How could you know and experience His grace?*

JESUS GIVES TRUTH. Just as there are truths in God’s creation that we depend on for constructing our houses and drilling for oil, Jesus gives truths that you can depend on in your relationship with Him. You cannot experience His glory, respond to His grace, and know His truth unless you are born again. (**John 1:14, fn 1:14[2nd], John 14:6, fn 14:6[2nd], I Corinthians 2:6-16, fn 2:10, fn 2:15, 16, II Corinthians 4:6, II Timothy 3:16, 17, fn 3:16 fn 3:16, 17**) *What is needed for you to be transformed more and more into the image of Jesus?*

*Check up—How is your relationship with your neighbor, your spouse, and your Lord?
Do your actions show that you are being led by the Holy Spirit?*

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