



**WORD**

*For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.* **ROMANS 8:29**

When we place our faith in Christ's finished work on the cross, we are allowing God to do a transforming work in us—conforming us into the image of His Son. By God's grace, we are being changed daily and becoming more and more like Jesus as we turn away from our old life of sin and choose to live a life of grace. God's grace is able to change us as we go through this three-part process.

**1 Know the truth.**

*Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.* **EPHESIANS 4:21**

Knowing the truth is the starting point of change. More than just head knowledge, it is the revelation of the truth that transforms us—knowing who Jesus is, what He has done for us, and who we are in Him. Knowing the truth is knowing Jesus and having a growing relationship with Him. According to Romans 12:2, how does transformation come about?

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**2 Turn away from sin.**

<sup>22</sup>*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup>to be made new in the attitude of your minds . . .* **EPHESIANS 4:22,23**

When we truly believe in something, our actions will reflect this belief. Believing God's truth means we choose God's life and His ways, including turning away from our old life of sin. Share about how your life changed when you embraced God's ways. What made you embrace this change?

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**3 Turn to God.**

*. . . and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.* **EPHESIANS 4:24**

The promise of transformation is not only limited to a change of mind or habits. It is a deeper work of becoming more like Christ—a daily transformation that starts with following Him (Luke 9:23). We obey God not to be saved, but because we are saved. What do you think it means to become more like God in true righteousness and holiness?

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