

CHAPTER 32.9
My People
in this ***City***

“TRANSFORMED”
2 Corinthians 1:1-4:6
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We are being transformed to be like Jesus.
(3:18; 4:4b)

- I. How are we being transformed? (3:1-18)
 - A. Through a new covenant. (3:6)
 1. Surpasses the Old Covenant (Ex 31:18)
 2. Written on hearts.
 3. Written by the Spirit. (3:3, 6)
 - B. Transformation is a process.
(Progressive sanctification) (3:12-18)
- II. What does the process of being transformed look like?
(Chapters 1-2)
 - A. We will face opposition. (1:1-11)
 - B. We must learn to forgive. (2:5-11)
 - C. We are Christ's captives. (2:14-16)
- III. What are we transformed to do? (4:1-6)
 - A. Openly state the truth of God's Word. (4:2)
 - B. The light shines out of darkness. (4:6)

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

“TREASURE JARS”
2 Corinthians 4:7-5:10

Passage Overview:

Clay jars. That's all we are. Yet God has placed the treasure of His gospel, the good news of Jesus, within us. It is the contrast between the simplicity of the container and the measureless value of what it holds that is stunning. It reveals the surpassing power of God.

Our weakness reveals His power. Our willingness to die for Christ reveals His life. Out of these fragile vessels, the powerful life-changing and world-changing message of Jesus is communicated. We believe, so we speak. As we speak, others believe. As more and more believe, thanksgiving resounds to God's glory.

But our eyes must be lifted beyond these clay jars in which we dwell to the eternal home to which we are going. What is now faith will then be sight. What is temporary will be eternal. So we rejoice and hope because our vision stretches far beyond the here and now. We live for eternity.

There should be one purpose then, for which we live: to please God. Why do you do what you do? What motivates you? Let's live for one purpose and one purpose alone: to please Him.

Reading for Next Week: 2 Corinthians 4:7 – 5:10