

First Friends Church
From Transition to Transformation
“Prayer of Revelation”
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Transition: A process or period of change from one place, role, or function to another.

Transformation (*metamorphosis*) is to experience change from one form to another. Spiritual transformation is a heart change that leads to a change in our character, attitudes and actions. *Morphe* – Greek “transform” change in the inner man or essence. See also Rom. 12:2; Gal. 4:19

Transformation opportunities: Tonight 6:30pm
Wednesday 7:00pm “DREAM TEAM
Daily Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 1-13
Book “Prayer” by Richard Foster

2 Corinthians 3:18 *“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**”* (NASB)

Prayer changes things” people say. It also changes us. This is transformation. The latter goal is the more imperative. The primary purpose of prayer is to bring us into such a life of communion with the Father that, by the power of the Spirit, we are increasingly conformed to the image of the Son.

*None of us will keep up a life of prayer unless we are prepared to **change**. We will either give up or turn it into a little system that maintains the form of godliness but denies the power of it – which is the same as giving up. God invites us into a life of constant change, constant conversion, and constant new birth. “Prayer” Foster p. 57*

Transformation is God is supernaturally changing us to be like Christ.

How? Experiencing God’s presence, spiritual relationships, and overcoming opposition.

Revelation is the ability to “see” it.

1. **REVELATION:** What is previously hidden becomes evident through spiritual awakening. *This is a supernatural, and ongoing experience, of being spiritually reborn in Christ.*
 - a. Revelation is God’s nature: creation, prophets, Jesus, Scripture, and Holy Spirit.
 - b. Revelation is obstructed by “veils.”
 - i. God of this world blinded minds of unbelievers – 2 Cor. 4:4
 - ii. Turn to the Lord (repent) and veil is taken away – 2 Cor. 3:16
 - c. Revelation comes when we ask. Ephes. 1:17-18
 - d. Revelation comes in part here on earth, but one day in full. 1 Cor. 13:12
 - e. Revelation allows us to “see” who Jesus is, what He has done for us, and who we are in Christ so we can live out our destiny.

Prayer: Lord, reveal more clearly who you are, who I am right now, who you are shaping me to become, how these circumstances are a part of your plan, and how the enemy is working against me.

**The greatest miracle of all is a life spiritually
TRANSFORMED!**