

1. Declare The Truth To Yourself

- a) Fear of Rejection → Reconciliation
 - I am totally accepted by God — Colossians 1:21-22
- b) Fear of Failure → Justification
 - I am completely forgiven and fully pleasing to God — Romans 5:1
- c) Fear of Punishment → Propitiation / Atonement
 - I am deeply loved by God — 1 John 4:9-10
- d) Shame → Regeneration
 - I am a new creation, complete in Christ — 2 Corinthians 5:17

2. Make Proper Evaluations Of Yourself And Others

Matthew 7:2, NASB — “For in the way you judge you will be judged, and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.”

- If we begin to evaluate others according to what God says about them ... we will begin to evaluate ourselves in the same way.
- a) See all people as of great value — Jesus died for them!
- b) Think God's thoughts about each person.
- c) If a person has accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour:
 - i. They are totally acceptable to God.
 - ii. They are completely forgiven and fully pleasing to God.
 - iii. They are deeply loved by God
 - iv. They are a new creation, complete in Christ.

3. Make The Decision And Be Aggressive

Psalms 27:1 — “This I have asked for, and this one thing I shall seek ...”

- Many people have asked God for transformation, but they haven't chosen to daily seek it.

4. Be Patient With Yourself

Colossians 3:9-10, NASB — “Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.”

Ephesians 4:22-24, NASB — “... in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.”

5. Keep In Mind Your Real Enemy

- To be renewed, I must confront the Wrong Formula, and the 4 Wrong Beliefs

SOUL TRANSFORMATION

Part 5 – Taking Lies Captive

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WE WERE CREATED TO BE RELATIONAL

1. We Were Created In The Image Of God

Genesis 1:26-27, NASB — (26) Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” (27) And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

2. Our Image Was Changed

Romans 1:21, LITV — “For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

Romans 1:25 “[We] exchanged the truth of God for a lie.”

- THE TRUTH: I can find my security and self-worth in the approval of God
- LIE: I must have the approval of others in order to approve of myself.
- Wrong Formula: Self-Worth = Opinions of others + my performance
- Proverbs 23:7, KJV — “As he thinketh in his heart, so is he [or so he becomes and acts].”

3. Jesus Restored Our Image

Romans 15:7, CEV — “Honor God by accepting each other, as Christ has accepted you.”

2 Timothy 2:15, NIV — “Do your best to present yourself to God as one [already] approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed ...”

WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S THOUGHTS ABOUT US

1. God Is Never Overwhelmed By His Emotions

- He knows Himself absolutely, He knows His situation thoroughly, therefore He always thinks correctly, and so He is never overwhelmed by His emotions.

2. We Feel What We Feel, Because We Think What We Think

- If we thought God's thoughts about our situation, instead of our thoughts about our situation, we would have God's emotions, not our emotions.

3. We Need To Understand The Lies We Believe

- Wrong Formula: Self-Worth = Opinions of others + performance.

- Four resulting beliefs and consequences of this formula
- a) I must have the approval of certain other people before I can approve of myself.
- b) I must meet certain standards in order to feel good about myself.
- c) Those who fail are unworthy of love and deserve to be punished.
- d) I am what I am. I cannot change. I am hopeless.

WHAT IS GOD'S TRUTH ABOUT OUR FOUR LIES

1. Reconciliation

- Wrong Belief: I must have the approval of certain other people before I can approve of myself.
- Consequence: Fear Of Rejection
- God's Solution: Reconciliation

Colossians 1:21-22, GN – (21) *At one time you were far away from God and were his enemies because of the evil things you did and thought. (22) But now, by means of the physical death of his Son, God has made you his friends [reconciled you], in order to bring you, holy, pure, and faultless [blameless/acceptable], into his presence.*

- God's Formula: Self Worth = What God says about you.

2. Justification

- Wrong Belief: I must meet certain standards in order to feel good about myself.
- Consequence: Fear Of Failure
- God's Solution: Justification

Romans 5:1, NIV – *“Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

2 Corinthians 5:21, NIV – *“For He [God] made Him [Christ] to be sin [a sin offering] on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*

- Justification: Taking all our sins and placing them on Christ, and taking His righteousness and placing it on us.

3. Propitiation / Atonement

- Wrong Belief: Those who fail are unworthy of love and deserve to be punished.
- Consequence: Fear Of Punishment
- God's Solution: Propitiation

Isaiah 64:6 – *“... All our righteousness acts, are like filthy rags.”*

1 John 4:9-10, NASB – *“By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation [atoning sacrifice] for our sins.”*

4. Regeneration

- Wrong Belief: I am what I am. I cannot change. I am hopeless.
- Consequence: Shame
- God's Answer: Regeneration
- 2 Corinthians 5:17, MESS – *“Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it!”*
- Ezekiel 11:19, NW – *“I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.”*
- Whatever you could try to become, is less than who you already are.

THE KEY TO TRANSFORMATION

1. We Must Confront The Lies We Believe

- Thinking God's thoughts about who we are is God's only solution for the lies we believe, and the destructive emotions that we experience.

Romans 12:2, NASB – *“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind ...”*

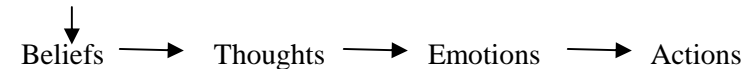
2. We Must See Our Emotions In A New Light

- Our emotions are a “deception detection system”
- Our goal in life is not to elude our emotions, but to use our emotions to find out what we are believing that is wrong or erroneous.

3. We Must Use Situations To Uncover Our Erroneous Beliefs

- Situations never create emotions - situations impact what we believe and create thoughts, the thoughts then create the emotions that we experience, and these emotions lead to actions / reactions.
- Situations simply expose you to what's inside.

Situations



HOW DO WE DEMOLISH OUR ERRONEOUS BELIEFS?

2 Corinthians 10:3-5, NASB – *“(3) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, (4) for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. (5) We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”*