

How God Transforms Us

I. God transforms us through **coaching**.

Ephesians 4:11-13 – ¹¹Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹²Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. (NLT)

II. God transforms us as we **learn the truth**.

John 17:17 – Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. (NLT)

Ephesians 4:14-15 – ¹⁴Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. ¹⁵Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. (NLT)

III. God transforms us by **renewed thinking**.

Ephesians 4:17-19 – ¹⁷With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. ¹⁸Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. ¹⁹They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. (NLT)

Ephesians 4:23 – Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. (NLT)

IV. God transforms us when we **clean house**.

Ephesians 4:22 – throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. (NLT)

Hebrews 12:1 – let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. (NLT)

V. God transforms us by **faith**.

Ephesians 3:20 – Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, (NASB)

Romans 15:13 – Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (CSB)

Thought For The Week:

Transformation means to make you more like **Jesus**.

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