

# **TRANSFORMATION**

## **THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD STUDY**

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## **Romans 12:1-2**

1. I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.

## 2 Timothy 3:14-17

14. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it,

15. and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

16. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

17. so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

# **GENERAL OBJECTIVE**

To get Believers to have respect for God who in the communication process, has spoken to us through the Bible- God's word.

# **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

- To show who God is,
- Why we should respect the communicative process,
- Adjust our lives around it that is to take time to listen through reading, studying and journaling

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- Experience the power that comes with serving those around us and hence worshipping God in spirit and in truth.



# INTRODUCTION

The Bible Two main languages  
are:

1. Hebrew the language of the  
OT
2. Greek the language of the NT

- The Bible contains God's Word to us.
- Everything we need to know about God is in it.
- God has revealed God's self to us over thousands of years in Scripture.

# THE WORD OF GOD

The word of God, the word of the Lord, the word of Christ, my word, all appear a few times but the words in Hebrew and Greek give us more insight in their meaning. They are:

- **First- Strong's # 6310**

Transliterated: peh ; Phonetic:  
peh

- from 6284; the mouth (as the means of blowing), whether literal or figurative (particularly speech);
- God speaks from His mouth.

- **Second- Strong's # 565**
- Transliterated: 'imrah
- Phonetic: im-raw'
- or memrah {em-raw'};  
feminine of 561, and meaning  
the same: --commandment,  
speech, word.
- The act of speech.

- **Third- Strong's # 1697**
- Transliterated: dabar -  
Phonetic: daw-baw'
- from 1696; a word; by implication, a matter (as spoken of) or thing;
- God's expression of Himself

There are **two Greek words** used in the Greek translation of the Hebrew text or Old Testament and also on the New Testament. They are :

**1. rhema and 2. logos**

- **Fourth Strong's # 4487**
- Transliterated: rhema
- Phonetic: hray'-mah
- from 4483; an utterance (individually, collectively or specifically); saying, word.
- An utterance from God to...



- **Fifth Strong's # 3056**  
Transliterated: logos -  
Phonetic: log'-os
- from 3004; something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive;

by extension, a computation;  
specifically (with the article in John)  
the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):  
Logos is the preferred Greek word  
that is translated from babar in  
the Old Testament. This has  
created much confusion as to  
what John meant when he said  
that Jesus is the Logos.

# **GOD CARES TO SPEAK**

Do you believe God went through a lot to be in conversation with us?

Why would you say that?

How aware are you of the communicative process?

# THE COMMUNOCATION PROCESS

God spoke directly

Genesis 1:28-30; 2:16-17; 3:9

Gen. 3:9. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

# God spoke through the angels:

Isaiah 6:7. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

There are many more  
instances of angels speaking:

Luke 1:19-20

**God spoke through the prophets-**

Num. 3:16, 1 Sam.3:21

Isaiah 6:8 8. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

# **God spoke through John the Baptist –**

To get our attention God said nothing for 400 yrs. Then John spoke and testified to the coming Messiah the Son of God. John 1:19-27.



# God spoke through A Son

Hebrews 1. Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
2. but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

# Hear The Son Speaks

Our attitude to God Word is very important.

Psalm 1:2 Those who are being transformed meditate on God's words day and night.

Mark 8: 38

Matt. 24:35; Mk 13:31; Lk 21:33,

Lk 6:47, 9:26, 24:44. John 5:24,

8:31-32, 37, 43, 51, 12:47.

What is your attitude to the

Messiah Jesus and His word?

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# **THE GOSPEL AS THE SEED TO TRANSFORMATION.**

The gospel in essence is a combination of things dealt with in one person's action- Jesus the Messiah's suffering death for our sins.

# **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

The only way to respond is by faith and repentance in Jesus Christ. From this follows learning and growing in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit fills and baptizes us for service.

# **MAKING ADJUSTMENTS**

Something spiritual and emotional happens when the gospel enter our hearts, this must be consolidated through prayer, reading the Bible, studying the Bible and Serving.

# MAKING ADJUSTMENTS

“Born Agains”, are excited, but we often clip their wings call them zealous, pushy, want to change everything. These things are disrespectful. We are hurting Christ. Adjustments are not easy.

Make adjustments so these can happen freely. Work hard at it!



# **THE NEED FOR RENEWAL**

If the gospel has not been received then renewal is not possible. When it is there we died daily to self. And we have upgrades and updates in Jesus Christ daily by the Holy Spirit.

- Transformation from the word transform -Strong's # 3339
- Transliterated: metamorphoo
- Phonetic: met-am-or-fo'-o
- Text: from 3326 and 3445; to transform (literally or figuratively, "metamorphose"): --change, transfigure, transform.

It says that the use of the prefix meta, usually denotes separation, departure, cessation, completion, reversal, etc. However the way it is used in this passage denotes both a movement of separation from and the accompaniment of.

So literally rendered, separation from the world, accompanied with the reading and study of the word of Christ, persons will experience change. The gospel being the seed of change in the heart and mind of persons.

# **COST NOT SACRIFICE**

Jesus has already made the sacrifice what is required of us is consideration and a decision. Its eternal life or not!

That cost is dying to self!

# SOME TIPS

Do a Priority inventory.

Pay attention to prayer and your heart.

Things could become very difficult, but please trust the process. Always be prepared to put others interest before yours.

# Testing what you Learnt.

1. Where does transformation take place?
2. What two things must be done simultaneously for change to be evident?
3. What's the best evidence of change or transformation?

# CONCLUSION

God has taken the time to come to us and this must not be overlooked. The image of one running after the one they love is that of God and us. Value God and his actions.



# CONCLUSION

The Bible is all we need for God's Word to us. Others have added to God's Word. It is faithlessness and disobedience. The Messiah Jesus has the last word, not Mohammed.

# **CONCLUSION**

**Read Revelation 22:8-21**

**Prayer:**

**Come now Lord Jesus, reveal  
yourself to me, I open my  
heart to your gospel and beg  
you Holy Spirit to fill me even  
now! Amen.**

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