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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.

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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

FOR BELIEVERS TO HAVE RESPECT FOR
GOD WHO HAS SPOKEN TO US
THROUGH THE BIBLE - GOD'S WORD.

The two main languages
in the Bible are:

- Hebrew - OT
- Greek - NT

INTRODUCTION

- 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.

- Original Word: פֶּה
- Transliterated: PEH
- Phonetic: PEH
- The mouth (as the means of blowing), whether literal or figurative (particularly speech);
- God speaks from his mouth.

KINGS 8:15

- “Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who with his own hand has fulfilled what he promised **with his own mouth** to my father David.

- Original Word: אִמְרָה
- Transliterated: 'IMRAH
- Phonetic: IM-RAW'
- Or memrah {em-raw'};
commandment, speech, word.
- The act of speech.

DEUTERONOMY 33:9

- 9 Who said of his father and his mother, 'I did not consider them'; and he did not acknowledge his brothers, nor did he regard his own sons, for they observed your **word**, and kept your covenant.

- Original Word: דָּבָר
- Transliterated: DABAR
- Phonetic: DAW-BAW'
- A word; by implication, a matter (as spoken of) or thing;
- God's expression of himself

GENESIS 15:4

⁴ then the **word** of the LORD came to him: “this man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”

There are **two Greek words** used in the Greek translation of the Hebrew text or old testament and also in the new testament.

1. RHEMA

2. LOGOS

- Original Word: ῥῆμα, ατος, τό
- Transliterated: RHEMA
- Phonetic: HRAY'-MAH
- An utterance (individually, collectively or specifically); saying, word.
- An utterance from God to...

MATTHEW 26:75

- ⁷⁵ then peter remembered **the word** Jesus had spoken: “before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

- Original Word: **λόγος, ου, ό**
- Transliterated: **LOGOS**
- Phonetic: **LOG'-OS**
- Something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive;

MATTHEW 7:24

- ²⁴ “therefore everyone who hears these **words** of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

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?

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THE COMMUNICATION 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.

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 SPEAK

Our attitude to God's word is
very important.

- MARK 8:38, LK 9:26
- MATT. 24:35; MK 13:31; LK 21:33,
- LK 6:47
- LK 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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TRANSFORMATION

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 enters our hearts, this must be consolidated through prayer, reading the bible, studying the bible and serving.

THE NEED FOR RENEWAL

If the gospel has not been received then renewal is not possible.



When it is there we die daily to self.



We have upgrades and updates in Jesus Christ daily by the holy spirit.

But be transformed...

- Transliterated: METAMORPHOO
- Phonetic: MET-AM-OR-FO'-O
- To transform (literally or figuratively, "metamorphose"): -
-change, transfigure, transform.



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 LEARNED.



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.

The messiah Jesus
has the last word.

CONCLUSION

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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