

TRANSFORMED BY THE POWER OF GOD

TEXT: ***Romans 12:2: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, Will of God.***

Do you know anyone, but Jesus, who can reach down into the quagmire of sin and pull out these polluted souls of ours that satan has held in his clutches from the very beginning of our existence?

Satan hopes and thinks he has us all permanently — for time and eternity — in his grip. But Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, to deliver us out of the Kingdom of Darkness, and to translate us into His Heavenly Kingdom.

Colossians 1:13: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son:

Who, but Jesus, can wash these souls of ours whiter than snow, take off our tattered garments of self-righteousness which are as filthy rags in God's sight, and clothe us in white raiment?

Isaiah 64:6: But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Who, but Jesus, will print the kiss of full forgiveness upon our brow, set our feet upon the Kings' Highway, and lead us Home to Glory by His redeeming Grace?

Who, but Jesus, will so love sin-lovers, God-haters, and pleasure-seekers so full of selfishness and corruption?

Who, but Jesus, would ever want to have as His very Own, we poor, wretched, Hell-bound souls with the sentence of death written on our destiny?



Who, but Jesus, can transform this vile body and soul, and make it a new creature to sing the praises of God, because He has put a new song in our hearts, and has started us running up the shining

way to Heaven with glory in our souls?

Who, but Jesus, can unlock the prison house of sin where our immortal souls are fettered by evil appetites and passions? **Who, but Jesus?**

Who, but Jesus, can break every fetter and *proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound?*

Isaiah 61:1: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me; because the LORD hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;



Do you know anyone who can give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness?

Isaiah 61:3a To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;



Do you know anyone who can change gnarled, thorny human lives into *trees of righteousness*, that He might be glorified? **Who, oh Who, but Jesus!**

Isaiah 61:3b: that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified.

Who, but Jesus, will stretch out His Hand to the backslider in tender love to say, “Return unto Me and I will return unto you”?

Malachi 3:7: Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

Who, but Jesus, will say to that soul that has wickedly departed from the Living God, forsake your wicked way, and the unrighteous man your evil thoughts, and

let each of you return unto Me, and I will have mercy upon you and will abundantly pardon your transgressions?

Isaiah 55:7: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Who, but Jesus, can do this great, life-changing work with a guarantee on His workmanship:

Isaiah 1:18: Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.



Hosea 14:4-5:

⁴ I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for Mine anger is turned away from him.

⁵ I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

Who, but Jesus, can lead His Own who hunger and thirst after righteousness for true holiness that is free from shame and pretense?

Who, but Jesus, can lead a regenerated soul into sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, across Jordan's swelling tide, up and out into the land of Canaan, which is Beulah Land of full Salvation.

Deuteronomy 8:9: A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.



Who, but Jesus, can deliver the saint when in heaviness thru manifold temptations, when it seems that all the powers of Hell are arrayed against him.

Who, but Jesus, can speak the following cheerful words:

Isaiah 41:10: Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the Right Hand of My Righteousness.

Isaiah 59:19: So shall they fear the Name of the LORD from the west, and His Glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

Psalms 46:1: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 50:14-15:

¹⁴ Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High:

¹⁵ And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

Who but the Lord Jesus is faithful.

1 Corinthians 10:13: There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

The Lord shall bruise satan under your feet shortly.

Romans 16:20: And the God of Peace shall bruise satan under your feet shortly. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Who, but Jesus, can comfort and hold in the hour of death's sorrows like sea billows rolling? My Lord says:

Isaiah 43:2: When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.



Hebrews 13:5: Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.



Who, but Jesus, can so transform the vision of His saints until the earthly, temporal pleasures and possessions become exceedingly small and cheap, and the things of the eternal Home in Heaven can be viewed by the telescope of Faith? The Heavenly luster glows and gleams so much that the enraptured soul will count nothing dear to himself, so that he may finish his course with joy. Paul felt this transforming power so strongly and exclaimed:

Philippians 3:8-9:

⁸ Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus My Lord: for Whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

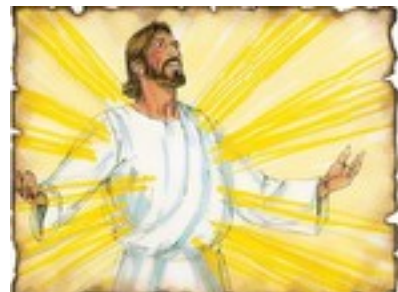
⁹ And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Jesus, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.” — **Who, but Jesus**, can work such a transformation?

Galatians 2:20: I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Who, but Jesus, can be the wondrous Light of that City which has not need of sun, or moon to lighten it?

Revelation 21:23: And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the Glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof.



Who, but Jesus, can be the center of song amongst the radiant company “washed in the Blood of the Lamb”?

Revelation 7:14: And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.

In closing — *Who, but Jesus*, can say: “I am come that they might have life”?

John 10:10: The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

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Since we all are dead in trespasses and sins, we cannot save ourselves. A dead man cannot do anything, we well know. If we are ever to be made alive, it will have to be a miracle — and miracles are not performed by dead men.

It will have to be the Miracle Worker, Whose Name is JESUS. He alone can take the dead in sins and make them alive. This is the true meaning of the New Birth, which Jesus told

Nicodemus he must have, and that you and I must have also — or else Hell is our destination and doom.

He that hath the Son of God hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:36: He that believeth on the Son hath Everlasting Life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

1 John 5:11-12:

¹¹ And this is the record, that God hath given to us Eternal Life, and this life is in His Son.

¹² He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Friends, do you have Jesus in your heart? He came to save sinners. He came not to call the goody-good, but sinners to repentance.

Repent — receive Jesus as your Saviour today. He will transform you into a new creature, and you shall not come into condemnation but will be passed from death unto Life.

John 5:24: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him Who sent Me, hath Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Have you heard the experience of Charlotte Elliot? She was a beautiful singer and musician in London. Years ago she attended a social gathering and entertained the guests. After receiving loud applause from the group, a preacher came and complimented her musical talents. He suggested it would be wonderful if she would use these talents for Jesus. He told her further that unless and until she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Master, she could not go to Heaven. He even went so far as to suggest that she had no more chance of Heaven than a drunkard or a common prostitute of the street.



Miss Elliot became very angry. She didn't mince words about her feelings. When she went home she was still irritated. When she went to bed, she couldn't sleep. She came to the conclusion that she lacked something that would give her assurance of such a hope.

At two o'clock in the morning she got out of bed, and with tears flowing freely, she found Jesus of Whom the Scriptures write:

He is not far from every one of us. Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is none other Name under Heaven whereby we must be saved – but JESUS.

Acts 17:2: That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us:

Acts 4:12: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Who, but Jesus, can make a sinner clean and put a song in his heart? So, early in the morning hours, she penned these words through the wonderful,

transforming power of Jesus Christ:

*Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy Blood was shed for
me And that thou bid'st me come
to Thee O Lamb of God, I come! I
Come!*

*Just as I am, and waiting
not To rid my soul of one
dark blot
To Thee Whose Blood can cleanse each
spot O Lamb of God, I come! I Come!*

*Just as I am! Though wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve Because Thy Promise I
Believe
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

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