

Conformed to His Likeness

Session 2: The Goal

Paul drops a bomb

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

(Romans 8.28-29)

Four Questions

Question 1

What does it mean to be conformed to the likeness of Christ?

God intends for us to _____.

*And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.
(1 Corinthians 15.49; cp 2 Cor 3.18; 1 John 3.2)*

God intends for us to have a whole new _____ in Christ.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!
(2 Corinthians 5.17)*

- Jesus is literally _____ in me (Colossians 1.25-27).
- Jesus is literally living His life through my _____ (2 Corinthians 4.10-11)
- The _____ is literally taken away and is replaced with the _____ (Galatians 2.20)

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Conformity ≠ imitation

World's Standard: Imitation is an _____ change that leaves the _____ me unchanged.

Result: I become the new _____.

God's Standard: Conformity is an _____ change that transforms _____ of my life.

Result: People are attracted to _____ not me, because the encounter Christ, _____.

Question 2

Why does God want to conform us to the likeness of His Son?

Because God's work is accomplished _____ (Colossians 2.2-3, 9-10)

- Eternal results require divine _____.
- God gives us Christ, who _____ has the power to accomplish eternal results.

Because even though Christ has gone away...

- He continues to _____ and _____ the lost, only now He does it through us (Luke 19.10; 2 Corinthians 5.20)
- We are literally His _____, doing His _____, using His _____ (1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 5.30)

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Question 2 – continued.

The point of our calling is not to _____ Christ, or to
_____ Christ, or to _____ Christ, or to
_____ Christ.

Our calling is to allow Christ to literally _____ His life in
and through us.

Question 3

What difference does it make?

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Question 4

How do I become like Christ?

Fact

I cannot remain as _____ and become like Him.

The Basics

- _____ everything that is not Christ.
- _____ everything that is Christ.

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- It is a _____, not an event.
- It requires _____ power.
- It is _____.
- My job is to _____ with the process God uses.