

Sunday Worship Times: 8:30 am & 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30am

> Soul Church Friday 7:00pm

New Community Church of Union

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Last month I talked about transformation from Romans 12:1-2 and that transformation comes as a natural result of following Jesus. Transformation is not an option; it is a Result, a result of following Christ. This month, I want to draw our attention to another one of Paul's teachings on transformation – 2 Corinthians 3:18. Paul writes, "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

In this verse, Paul tells us that we *are* being transformed, that the process of transformation has begun and continues in our lives. Every day that goes by is another day that Jesus works His transformation in us. Please note that transformation does not originate in our will, or by our efforts, but happens as a sole result of the Lord Jesus Christ in us. "Transformation comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

Please also note that the purpose and point of our transformation is to become like Jesus. There is no other reason or purpose than that. Transformation is not for our own purposes or for our own glory. Jesus in us transforms us so that we look like Jesus on the outside as well! Paul says that we are to reflect the Lord's glory. This means that we are to act and speak like Jesus to those around us so that they, too, might desire to follow Jesus as we are doing. We are transformed so that others might know who Jesus is because they see Jesus in us.

So, our lives are transformed by Jesus so that we become more like Jesus in order that the glory of Jesus might be seen by those around us. One further note to mention: Paul says that we are transformed "with ever increasing glory." As we walk with Jesus, we have the opportunity to glorify Jesus more and more through our actions and speech. Our transformation is a continual process that actually makes us more and more and more like Jesus as the days go by. There is no end to our transformation here on earth! Think about that! The light of Christ in us shines brighter and brighter as we continue to walk with Him!

To reflect the glory of Jesus to those around us is Christ's purpose in our lives and for our lives. The question for us is, "Is that our purpose as well?" Will we allow Jesus to transform us into His image and for His glory?

Sincerely His,

Pastor Michael Wedman

Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated food and money at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner! The Food Bank received 1266 pounds of food—31 pounds more than the previous year—and nearly \$2300 was split between the Hoodsport Food Bank and the North Mason Food Bank.

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A huge and special "Thank You" to everyone who participated and helped with our Christmas Bazaar! We had 26 vendors and 31 tables; the vendors and those who came to shop enjoyed our new building, and all want to come back next year. Many hands went into making this event a success. We appreciate each and every one of you—you were a blessing to us!

-Joline Moore and Jean Fisher





Our Purpose:

Anchored in God's Love, we exist to promote and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation and sanctification of all people

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 New Year's Day NCCU Office Closed	2 NCCU Office Closed	3 No Rev Study	4 Prayer 9:15a Soul Church 7p	Women of Faith 10a - 11:30a
				AA Meeting 5p		
6 Worship 8:30 & 10:30a Communion Sunday School 10:30a	7 Haircut Fundraiser 360.801.2662	8 Quilters 10a-1p	9 Women's Bible Study Fellowship 9:30a-11a Transformative Prayer 7p	10 Rev Study 9:30a Feed the Hungry 4:30p AA Meeting 5p	11 Cookie Bake 9a Prayer 9:15a Soul Church 7p	12 MOI 9a - 10a
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