

BECOME

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SCRIPTURE

[Romans 8:28-29](#); [Ephesians 2:8-10](#); [Luke 9:23](#); [Galatians 2:20](#); [Acts 4:13](#); [1 Peter 1:6-7](#)

KEY POINTS

- The call to follow Jesus is a call to be transformed.
- Sanctification is a lifelong journey of becoming like Christ.
- Trials refine us, just as fire purifies silver, shaping us into His image.
- Following Jesus means surrendering, not just trying harder.
- The ultimate goal is to reflect Jesus in our love, forgiveness, and endurance.
- Peter and John were recognized as having been with Jesus—our lives should reflect Christ’s character in a way that is noticeable.
- While transformation is God’s work, we must cooperate with Him by surrendering daily and embracing His refining process (Romans 8:29).
- If your cross isn’t heavy, you’re probably not carrying it.
- Hardships are not wasted but shape us into Christ’s image.

DISCUSSION

- How does the idea of following Jesus as a lifelong transformation challenge the way you view salvation?
- In what ways have you seen God calling you out of something and into something new?
- Romans 8:28-29 tells us that God works everything for good to conform us to the image of His Son. How does this perspective change how you view hardships?
- Following Jesus is not about trying harder but about surrendering deeper. How does this shift your perspective on discipleship?
- Have you ever struggled with just “tagging along” in your faith instead of fully surrendering? What steps can you take to deepen your walk?
- Do people recognize that you’ve been with Jesus? What evidence do you see of His work in your life?

APPLICATION

- Spend time in prayer this week asking God to reveal areas where He wants to shape you. Write down one specific way you can cooperate with that process.
- Memorize Romans 8:29 as a reminder that God’s purpose is not just to save us, but to transform us into Christ’s image.
- Identify a “cross” in your life—something difficult that God is using to shape you. Instead of resisting it, commit to surrendering it to Him daily.
- Be intentional about reflecting Christ in your interactions this week. Look for an opportunity to forgive, serve, or encourage someone in a way that mirrors Jesus.

PRAYER

Seek the Lord regarding things that may need to be “chiseled” out of you to make you look like Jesus. Pray for one another in the specific areas that need growth.