

SHAPED THROUGH TRANSFORMATION

Our Mission is:

**To Model and Teach People
To Glorify God**

By Learning to Think, Love and Act Like Jesus

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WHY IS THE CHURCH INEFFECTIVE TODAY?

- ✘ Why is the church losing its influence in society today?
- ✘ Why are more people checking the “None” box under religion?
- ✘ Gal.2:20
- ✘ The goal is to be transformed into the image of Jesus

WHY IS THE CHURCH INEFFECTIVE TODAY?

- ✘ If the reality of the living God is not seen in the everyday life and lifestyles of believers, what makes us any different from others?
- ✘ In pursuing the forgiveness of sin some believe, “It doesn’t matter what I do, as long as I have been forgiven!” Eph.5:1-11
- ✘ To be called Christians, our lives must reflect the LIFE of Jesus.

WE NEED TO BE TRANSFORMED

- ✘ When God is at work in our hearts, we will be changing to look more like Jesus.
- ✘ 1 Cor.6:9-11 – and such were some of you!
- ✘ Eph.4:17-25 – Move from “alienated from the LIFE of God” to “put off your old self”
- ✘ Writing about the early church around 200 AD, Tertullian writes to Roman Provincial Governors

"Proceed in your career of cruelty, but do not suppose that you will thus accomplish your purpose of extinguishing the hated sect [the Christians]. We are like the grass, which grows the more luxuriantly the oftener it is mown. The blood of Christians is the seed of Christianity. Your philosophers taught men to despise pain and death by words; but how few their converts compared with those of the Christians, who teach by example! The very obstinacy for which you upbraid us is the great propagator of our doctrines. For who can behold it, and not inquire into the nature of that faith which inspires such supernatural courage? Who can inquire into that faith, and not embrace it, and not desire himself to undergo the same sufferings in order that he may thus secure a participation in the fullness of divine favour?"

WHY WAS THE EARLY CHURCH EFFECTIVE?

- ✘ The early church was effective because they pursued the “LIFE” of Jesus, not the forgiveness of sins.
- ✘ We all died in Adam. We are given LIFE in Jesus
- ✘ John speaks of life 40 times.
 - + Gal.2:20; 2Cor.4:7-11, 16-18; 5:4,5; 1John 3:4-10
- ✘ Eph.4,5 – Put off the old self, Be imitators of God, Walk in Love,

HOW ARE WE TRANSFORMED?

1. **Recognize You cannot do it yourself!**
 - + Gal.2:20
2. **Surrender – Rom.6:12-13**
 - + Make conscious decisions of surrender of desires,
3. **Give the Holy Spirit Tools for Shaping**
 - + Bible Reading, Prayer, Silence before God, Good Books