

The Five Transformations of Jesus Graphically

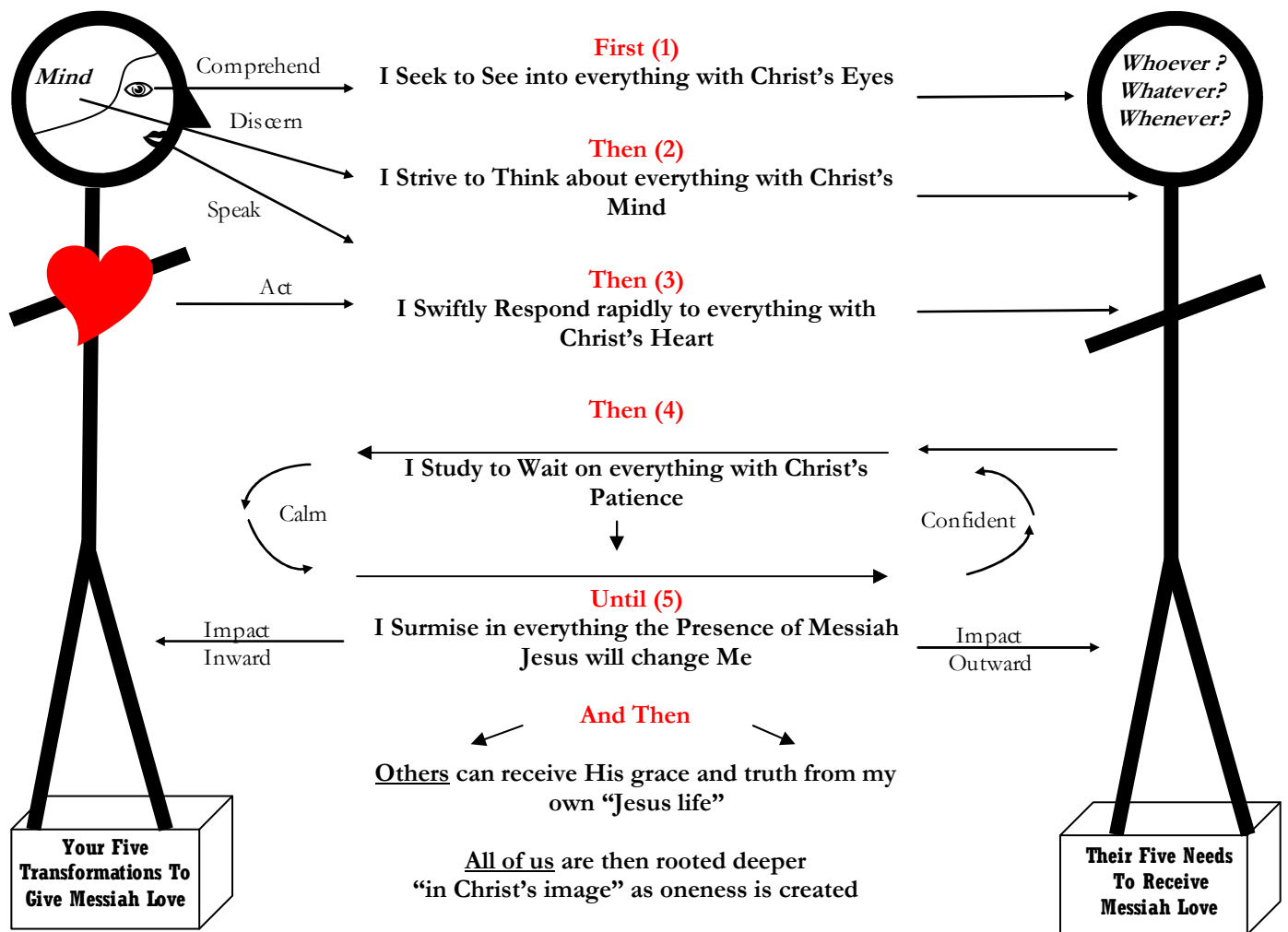
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“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
continue to live your lives in him ...” Col. 2:6

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Using the Five Transformations toward every person or situation we encounter is one of the most effective “Christ Habits” a Disciple can develop. To live significantly and with maximum impact is to Think with the mind of Christ, to Repeat His servant life and to Spread the fragrance His Messiah Love (II Cor. 2:14). The practice of the Five Transformations to reflect the Lord Jesus encompasses those three ambitions. In these five responses you are actually doing in every circumstance of your minutes what Jesus did. The more you practice His habit, the more perfectly like Him you become! You are transformed!

I. The Transformation Process We Embrace



II. The Character and Triumph We Pursue and Enthroned

A precise and passionate practitioner of the Five Transformations will slowly but surely develop the character of the Savior in every life situation and possess an inner life of calm and triumph regardless of all circumstances. The Apostle Paul's great passion and pursuit so eloquently expressed in Philippians 3:10-11 give perfect biblical thrust to our Five Transformations, "I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the sharing of His sufferings by becoming like Him in His death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead." Note Paul's five great desires. It is as though we can hear his voice saying, first, that I may know Him and

see all things as He does. Second, I yearn to taste resurrection continually, and that power comes to me when I think with His brilliant mind. Third, I relish living life having His same heart and learning what it means to suffer for people's needs and the purpose of the Father. Fourth, I want to die to my own will if that's what it takes to be alive to the Father. This is what our Lord did! He died on His cross and waited for what the Father would do next. Fifth, I long for one thing: to be a manifestation and demonstration of the Father's resurrection promise as I live triumphantly in the midst of a dying and dead world. Are not these five passions of Paul exact parallels of the Five Transformations? The truth of Philippians 3:10-11 can be practiced on a daily, hourly, and even minute by minute basis!

**One – I Seek to See Every Person/Situation with Christ's Eyes – Envision
I See Truth**

**Two – I Strive to Think about Every Person/Situation with Christ's Mind – Contemplation
I Think Truth**

**Three – I Swiftly Respond to Every Person/Situation with Christ's Heart – Reverberation
I Express Truth**

**Four – I Study to Wait on Every Person/Situation with Christ's Patience – Expectation
I Trust Truth**

**Five – I Expect to become Christ's Person and fill your every Situation with Messiah Love – Manifestation
I Reveal Truth**

III. The Jesus Life and Message We Repeat

“We Gain the Life of an Overcomer”

(John 16:23; I John 5:3-5)

“We are in the world as He was”

(John 17:18, 20:21)

“We do only what the Father tells us to do”

(John 5:19-20)

SEEING – We **LEAVE** every Situation in the Father's Hands (Luke 23:46). We are “Released.”

THINKING – We **LISTEN** to His Voice for our Cup, Cross and Commission (John 12:27-33). We are “Directed.”

RESPONDING – We **LOOK** for His Actions and Conclusions (Mark 3:31-34; Luke 21:25-31). We are “Content.”

WAITING – We **LEARN** in every circumstance to express His Praise (Ps. 22:3, 22-23, 25). We are “Overjoyed.”

BECOMING – We **LIFT** ourselves into the purity of His Presence (Matt. 5:8). We are “Changed.”

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” Matthew 5:8

“Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away and lifts off of us the sins of the world.” John 1:29

“‘Come to Him,’ says my heart, ‘seek His face!’ Your face, my Lord, do I seek.” Psalm 27:8 (HDM)

IV. The Praise and Prayer We Express

Praise is always mine as I experience the Five Transformations. I found the process liberating and fulfilling. I saw more deeply into my circumstances and recognized them and the people involved for what my reality was. Why? Because I

had His eyes to see! I thought spiritually about the situation and what it could, should, and would mean because I had His mind to grasp His point of view and desire. I sensed His Spirit within me telling me what to do or not do so that I could aim for what Jesus would and be the fragrance of His love, compassion, and presence. Because of His patient endurance that surged in me, I could do something or do nothing as I knew His Spirit was continuously active in the circumstances. Possessing this increasing knowledge of His presence and my yielding, I recognized His greater direction over my inner and outer life.

The following prayer is one I have come to pray continuously as I walk among people and the situations of life. Incarnating these five realities into my life will enable me to reflect something of the life, the message, and the love of our Lord to others.

“Open my eyes, Father to see all things with your eyes ... empower me to capture the Lord Christ’s Mind ... and His gentle and humble heart for all those who desperately need Him... enable me to comprehend His purpose as He Himself waits patiently at Your right hand. Let me, too, become a “flesh container” of the Word of Your Grace and Truth. Incarnate me with Yourself, Father, so that I will be Your contagious and impactful ambassador of Messiah Love (Psalm 119:18; Phil. 2:5; Matt. 11:29; I Peter 3:20; Heb. 10:12-14; John 1:14; I John 4:7-12; II Cor. 5:16-6:2). Display in me, Master, the fullness of Your Triune Word! First, that I may love Your Living Word, Christ Jesus. Second, that I may learn Your Written Word, Scripture. Third, that I will lift up a Sacrificed Word, my life as a Cross Disciple!” (Rom. 12:1-2).

Is not this prayer and this triune grasp of the Word of God close to the mind of our Savior in John 20:21, “As the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you!”? We are to be in the world as He was in the world. Indeed, “The Word was made flesh ... in order that our flesh might become His Word!” (John 1:14). Is it not apparent? Stunning! Impossible! Amazing! Yet this clearly is the Father’s intent, “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself ... those of us in Christ are new creations ... we are then Christ’s ambassadors of reconciliation ... God is making His appeal to the world through us” (II Cor. 5:16-20).

All of the above makes one thing clear to me. If I am to follow, serve, and please the Heavenly Father, my task on earth is to strive to repeat the life of His Son. Here it again, “As You sent Me into the world, Father, I have sent them into the world” (John 17:18).

For us, it seems to me, that living the Five Transformations is the best and perhaps the only way to repeat the life of Jesus in ourselves as we walk the earth! To God be the glory as we go for Him!