

Crystallization-Study – Song of Songs

Transformed and Perfected in the Church Life

The Need for Transformation

- **Rom. 12:2** – Do not be fashioned according to this age, but be **transformed** by the renewing of the mind...
- **2 Cor. 3:18** – But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
- Transformation is not a kind of outward reformation or correction. Transformation is a **metabolic change** in the substantial form.
 - Spiritual metabolism needs some **element**, and this element is **God Himself through Christ** in three steps:
 - In Christ's **death**
 - In Christ's **resurrection**
 - In Christ's **ascension**
- The first One to be transformed was Jesus. He was transformed from the **physical form to the spiritual form**.
- The spiritual Christ is for producing His members by **transforming sinners** into spiritual men for the **raising up of the churches**.
- The churches are a **bridge** to bridge God's transformed people from the **physical side to the spiritual side**.
- Today the churches have a **physical form** and a **spiritual reality**.
 - The physical side is the church as the **house of God**.
 - The spiritual side is the **Body of Christ**.
 - It is not the church that will consummate in the New Jerusalem. Instead, the Body of Christ, as a precursor of the holy city, will consummate in the New Jerusalem.
- Transformation is the cross of Christ crucifying our **entire being**.

Transformed by the Transforming Spirit and Perfected by the Perfected Saints in the Church Life

- The seeker's transformation in Song of Songs can be seen in the description of her in **1:10-11**.
- First the seeker in Song of Songs was likened by the Lord to a **horse** in Egypt, signifying the **world**; she is enslaved by Satan, signified by Pharaoh's chariots.
 - She is full of **natural strength** with a **strong character**, **worldly**, **satanic**, and for the **world's purpose**.
- Then she is transformed to be a **lily**.
 - God does not want our natural strength.
 - The seeker being transformed into a lily signifies that she is now living a life **trusting in God**, not in her natural strength.
 - She is also looking unto God with a **single eye** (eyes of doves), implying that she must also be a dove **looking to God** by focusing her eyes on one single goal.
- Her transformation is carried out by the transforming Spirit.
 - The **string of jewels** are a sign of the transforming Spirit. Thus, the seeker is perfected with the Triune God.
 - **Gold** signifies God the Father in His golden nature.
 - **Silver** signifies Christ the Son in His all-inclusive redemption.
 - **The strings of jewels** signify God the Spirit in His transformation.
- The **perfected ones** who have experienced this kind of transformation know how to **perfect others**.
 - We all need to learn how to perfect others with the **attributes of the Triune God**.
 - We should not look merely at a person's mistakes. Instead, we should realize that they are **short of God's golden nature and life**. They are short of Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension.
- Such transformation and perfecting can take place only in the **proper church life**.

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