

PRAYER BREAKFAST PROGRAM

(Enter Quietly and Prayerfully)

Quadrennial Theme:

“The Great Commission – A Global Outreach: Personal Calling, Personal Transformation, Personal Instruction and Personal Commitment”

FOCUS:

“Personal Transformation”



PRAYER LEADER

OPENING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God saved us and chose us to be His holy people.

Worshippers: We did nothing to deserve this, but God planned for Christ Jesus to transform us by the renewing of our minds.

Leader: May we never forget that God has an important purpose for our lives and it is good.

UNISON: Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of His great mercy, He gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death.

INVOCATION

Dear heavenly Father, I come this day to worship You in spirit and in truth, and to thank you for Your gift of salvation. Lord God, I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen us in our journey with you. Please God transform us into a new person by changing the way we think and using us as agents of transformation in this world. Loving God, I gratefully accept Your offer of a new heart that is tender, compassionate and responsive to you. May the work of the Spirit continue among us; for if we are in Christ, we are new creatures! Thank you Lord for hearing our prayers. In Jesus loving Name I pray! Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: The call of Christ is clear. I am not to remain as I am. Continual transformation is central to my life of discipleship.

Worshippers: I offer myself in full trust and humility to the power of God's Spirit to transform me by the renewing of my mind.

Leader: Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me.

Worshippers: Do not banish me from your presence; do not take Your Holy Spirit away from me.

Leader: Give me again the joy that comes from Your salvation, and make me willing to obey You.

Worshippers: Then I will teach sinners your commands, and they will turn back to You.

Leader: Spare my life, O God, and save me, and I will gladly proclaim Your righteousness.

UNISON: Lord Jesus, keep our minds and our spirits open to Your life-changing words so we can speak and praise you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:10-12

Ephesians 4:22-24

PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION....



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"Search Me, Oh God"

- A Change of Body – 3John 1:2
- A Change of Attitude – Col 3:8, 12
- A Change of Heart – Eze 36:26
- A Change of Soul – 1 Peter 1:22
- A Change of Mind – Rom 12:2
- A Change of Spirit – Acts 3:19
- A Change of Self – Ephesians 4:22-24

INTRODUCTION OF MEDITATION SPEAKER

SOLO

MEDITATION SPEAKER

BLESSING OF THE FOOD



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMARKS

CLOSING PRAYER

THE MISSIONARY BENEDICTION

"God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace". Amen

Butterfly Life-cycle Compared to a Christian

By Christopher Archibald



Butterflies are one of God's prettiest creatures He created. Like tiny stain-glass windows fluttering around, they share a similar growth cycle to that of a Christian. All of us in one time or another go through a transformation and become a new person. Though this transformation might take time and be painful, the end result is worth it. A butterfly goes through four stages of growth to emerge as a beautiful butterfly.

The first stage is as an egg. We start our growth out as tiny eggs fragile and delicate needing protection and nourishment for growth. Though people show hard exteriors and put up shields, when we give our hearts to the Lord, we come under His guidance and protection until we mature.

The second stage is as a caterpillar. When we hatch out of our eggs, we aren't butterflies yet but a caterpillar slowly moving and always eating. This is similar to a Christian life. We start our journey with God slowly but are constantly fed. Parts of our lifestyle become hard to digest, and as such, we get rid of old habits, friends, places that hinder our growth just as a caterpillar outgrows its skin.

The third stage is as a cocoon. In this stage the caterpillar has reached its total growth. They build a protective shell to prepare for the next stage of life. This in a Christian is when God fills up the missing pieces we lost when we shed our old ways and replaces with his love, grace, comfort, strength. In our cocoons we need to be ready to hear what God has for us and the work He has prepared for us to do.

The fourth and final stage is a butterfly. The transformation from a ground, slow moving caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly is complete. When the butterfly first emerges it is not use to its wings and different shape and probably does not know it can fly right away. But once it realizes its true potential and capabilities it takes off and flies around.

Much like a Christian, there comes a time in our lives when we become so full of knowledge, that we should use what we learned in ministries, church, mentoring and show what God's Word can do to you. Scientists have approximated 28,000 species of butterflies around the world, each one uniquely designed and as it says in the Bible "fearfully and wonderfully made" just as we too are uniquely designed.

There is no need to desire someone else's Christian life when God has prepared our own purpose for each of us. And by His timing, He will guide us through all stages of life.

Therefore if any man be in Christ,
he is a new creature:



old things are passed away; behold,
all things are become new.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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PASTOR:

CHURCH:

Personal Transformation... Praying Through God's Word:

A Change of Body – 3 John 1:2

Loving Creator, I know that it is Your will that I prosper and be in good health physically, even as my soul prospers. I desire to change my physical health for the better. I claim healing, deliverance and liberty in Christ. Amen

A Change of Heart – Ezekiel 36:26

Dear God, thank You for giving me a new heart and for putting a new spirit within me; thank You for removing the heart of stone, hatred and apathy, from my flesh and for giving me a heart of flesh of love and compassion. Amen

A Change of Mind – Romans 12:2

Oh LORD, help me not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of my mind, no more seeking my own will and plans, so that I may prove what the will of God is. Your will is good and acceptable and perfect. Amen

A Change of Attitude – Colossians 3:8, 12

Oh LRD of Lords, help me to be humble as I represent You. Help me to change my wardrobe by putting off all attitudes of anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication and clothe me with an attitude of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Amen

A Change of Soul – 1 Peter 1:22

Holy Spirit, keep my soul pure and in obedience to Your truth. Help me to love un-hypocritically my God, my fellow human beings and myself. Grant my soul rest at the end of my life's journey. Amen

A Change of Spirit – Acts 3:19

Provider, I repent of my sins. Therefore, reform my life, so that the record of my sins may be cancelled, and that You will provide seasons of revival and refreshing from being in Your presence. Amen

A Change of Self – Ephesians 4:22-24

Gracious Master, thank You for changing my selfish, sinful nature in reference to my former manner of life. Because of You, I have laid aside the old self, which was being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit; and thank You Lord that I have been renewed in the spirit of my mind, and have put on the new self, a leader, a missionary created in righteousness and holiness of the truth, serving in the likeness of Jesus, my Servant-Leader. Amen

Search Me, Oh God

Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray;
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy word and make me pure within;
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me;
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

(Suggestion: Prayers can be said from tables; verse of song follow).