

## The Transformation of A Mess

First, let's look at how the Merriam-Webster dictionary defines *transformation*:  
"A complete or major change in someone or something's appearance, form."

Transformation isn't a future event, it's a present-day activity.

It's understandable to think that *transformation for Christians means* we improve ourselves or our behavior, so we appear *more "Christ-like."*

**Definition of a mess:** a situation or state of affairs that is confused or full of difficulties.

If it is not a mess, it is NOT progress.

**Genesis 1:1-2 - The History of Creation** - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**Intro:** It has been said that *between vs. 1 and vs. 2 a war took place* in heaven. This war was between Lucifer and God himself.

- We find the story in Isaiah of how this battle took place.
- In reality, it was a battle to Satan, but no battle to God.

### Isaiah 14:12-16 - The Fall of Lucifer

<sup>12</sup> "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

*How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!*

<sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation

On the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

<sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,

To the lowest depths of the Pit. <sup>16</sup> "Those who see you will gaze at you,

*And consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble,*

*Who shook kingdoms,*

- Just because **we find this story in Isaiah** does not mean that this is when it took place.

How then could the serpent a type of Lucifer tempt Eve in the Garden?

You can't win against God and His army of angels!

So here we have a created heaven & earth.

- I don't know the difference between the original earth, and this re-created earth we read about between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> verse of Gen.

**Possibly because of the fall of Lucifer the world became a mess.**

**Definition: a situation or state of affairs that is confused or full of difficulties.**

- Because of the mess the earth was without form and void.
- **The darkness of sin** was upon the face of the earth.
- We could see this as the Face of Lucifer himself. ***Because Lucifer is sin.***

But here is the good part, in vs. 2 it says,

**Gen 1:2b - And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

- **God got in the Devil's face.**
- He started getting in the Devil's business!
- Devil's been hanging out too long on God's created world causing havoc/sin
- It is time for you to move on!

You may say, ***"Pastor you're reading too much into these Scriptures."***

**Maybe so, but why did God ask Adam to replenish the earth in Gen. 1:28?**

**Gen. 1:28a - Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill (replenish) the earth and subdue it.**

- That word **replenish** means to **make full again**.

**Ps 51:5 - Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.**

- **All of us was born a mess.** We had no form, no purpose

**We all have a void from the very beginning** that we try and fill with careers, relationships, money, drugs, alcohol, pleasures of the world, education...

**We were living** between vs.1 and vs.2 of Gen. Chapter 1.

- **Lucifer** had us in darkness.
- He controlled our lives from *the very beginning*.

It was a **creative combination** that saved us.

When the Spirit of **God moved upon us** -

- **As He did upon** this dark, shapeless, void ***of the earth***
- and then spoke in our lives,
- thus, being the creative combination,
- **then and only then** was there light.
  
- God then saw the light and saw that **it was good**.
- He then saw the change in us and saw that **it was good**.

**He then begins to separate us** from the things of this world as He did in the beginning.

**He then divided the waters** which is a type of us being baptized.

We are the **firmament** in the mist of the waters.

He then said let the earth bring forth fruit ***as He wants us to bring forth fruit of the Spirit***.

**He then said he wants the earth to multiply** -

- **He wants us** to go and teach and preach and witness to others about this great Gospel **so the church can multiply**.

**Mark 5** - tells us about ***a man filled with darkness***, one who **did not** have any form of God in him.

**Jesus Got in the Devils face... A Demon-Possessed Man Healed**

**Mark 5:5-8** And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

<sup>6</sup>When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. <sup>7</sup>And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."

<sup>8</sup> For He said to him, ***“Come out of the man, unclean spirit!”***

- **Jesus Got in the Devils face...**

**Mark 5:19b** - “Go home to your friends and **tell them what great things the Lord has done for you**, and how He has had compassion on you.”

**Just as the old world needed to be recreated, so also do we need to be born again according to John 3:3**

**John 3:3** - Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**What happens when we are transformed from a mess of sin to the new birth of Jesus Christ?**

**2Co 5:17** – Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**CLOSE:**

**\*We have a new aim –**

**2 Corinthians 5:9** - Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to **be well pleasing to Him**.

- **TO PLEASE THE LORD**

**\*A new association –**

**2 Corinthians 5:14** - For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died.

- **ONENESS WITH THE LORD**

**\*A new attitude -**

**2 Corinthians 5:15** - And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

- **TO LIVE “UNTO HIM” WHO LOVE US**

**\*A new activity –**

**2 Corinthians 5:7** - For we walk by faith, not by sight.

- **TO WALK BY FAITH**

**\*A new ambassador –**

**2 Corinthians 5:20** - Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

- **TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION**

**\*A new assurance**

**2 Corinthians 5:1 - Assurance of the Resurrection** - For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

- **WE KNOW OUR FUTURE**
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**Is there anyone here today whose life is in a mess?**

- Are you confused, dissatisfied ***with what life has dealt you?***
- Are you **not as fruitful** as you want to be **or** as you once were?

**I know of someone today who is in the business of transforming messes into successes!**

- *Mistakes into purpose...*
- *Messes into messages...*
- *Broken hearts into mended lives*
- *No reason to live into a hope of the future.*

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