

“The Transformer”

Text: Colossians 3:1-17

Introduction: One of the greatest mysteries is that of an ugly hairy caterpillar with sixteen tiny legs. Chewing continuously. Spin a silk cocoon around themselves. Then are totally transformed even internal systems, and emerge as a beautiful butterfly. Now they are useful, they help pollinate. We too are transformed by God when we are Born Again.

I. Our Nature – Who We Are – The Old Man - v. 9,10

- A. In John Chapter 5 Jesus heals the impotent man.
 - 1. Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.
- B. In John Chapter 8 Jesus and the women taken in adultery about to be stoned.
 - 1. Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? ¹¹She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

II. Our Bodies v.5,6

- A. For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: ²¹Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. (Phil. 3:20,21)
- B. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (I cor. 15:51)

III. Our Heart – v.2

- A. To want to please God.
- B. Motives
- C. Softens
- D. Capable of Loving

IV. Our Mouth – v. 8

- A. Conversation
- B. Positive Words
- C. Truth

V. Our Possessions

- A. But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;
(I Tim. 6:6-8, 17)

Conclusion: How is God transforming you right now?

Illustration: A robot that changes into a dinosaur.

A worm that builds a cocoon around it then comes out a beautiful butterfly.