

Act Like It/Be It

Is it possible to mine new meanings from the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth?

By merely acting like Jesus, one actor who did a passion play became like Jesus. At least for a while.

It wasn't true spiritual transformation to its fullest. But it was a beginning. COULD THE SAME BE TRUE FOR ME AND YOU? We all seek deeper transformation. It's in our spiritual DNA.

Galatians 4:19 New International Version (NIV)

19 My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,

When and where can that transformation begin? I suggest NOW and HERE today.

DO YOU HAVE AN AREA OF YOUR LIFE YOU WANT TO SEE CHANGE IN!

If you begin to ACT RIGHT/DO RIGHT—beginning today! And begin growing in positive change, ONE SMALL STEP AT A TIME.

Let's study this marvelous first step of Transformation. First, ACT RIGHT/DO RIGHT. FIRST

Main points

I. WHO'S THE MAIN SPECTATOR OF THE DRAMA OF YOUR LIFE? God the Father — and He views through the lens of Jesus Christ

II. Colossians 3:1-14

III. You're Been made alive—IN CHRIST!

IV. God sees you totally – THROUGH THE LENS OF CHRIST.

V. You're already giving Him an academy award performance —IN CHRIST.

VI. Begin to take the “old you” off, and simply “PUT Him on” like a new suit of Clothes.

VII. Begin with baby steps of acting like Jesus. Watch the reality of BEING ONE with Him become true for you.

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TRANSFORMATION – How do you “do” this?

SCRIPTURES: We all want to become “better” versions of ourselves. We all want to become all we were made to become. We never really want to stop “growing.” God wants that for us too, and he wants to transform us into something amazing!

How do you allow this transformation to take place? It has to do with seeking God's kingdom first, like Matthew 6:33 teaches. It has to do with becoming like a “tree” planted by the stream, that digs in deep roots. Today, we learned what some of these roots are.

Points made:

We may all have a list of something we think we really want that will make everything “perfect.”

But timeworn experience has taught that what we all really want is a deep, intimate relationship with God.

We have a “divine homesickness.” Psalm 62 alludes to it. One translation of Psalm 63 says plainly: “My heart is homesick for God.”

The prodigal son discovered he had this “Divine Homesickness.” (Luke 15)

Life teaches that to all of us. We want to be with the Father.

Even more, we want to be “in” Him.

We want to be like the trees spoken of in Psalm 1—trees planted by the “stream” (God) and trees that send deep roots into Him!

Roots to consider developing in 2018:

1. True intimate prayer.
2. True intimate “feeding” on God’s word. It’s more like bible “feeding” rather than just bible “reading.”
3. True intimate spiritual fellowship with your spiritual family.
4. The intimacy that comes from taking communion in a reverential and holy way.