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THE MESSAGE

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

"TRANSFORMED BY JESUS – TOGETHER"

PART 2

David = Beloved (of God)



GOD –
I am
God's
beloved

❤️

ME –
I am being
transformed into
Christlikeness

🔄



John
20:21

US –
We are becoming
a transformed community

🤝



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3. We are **TRANSFORMED BY JESUS TOGETHER** as a Church community

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Because the IMPORTANT question becomes…

“Can I live today from the deep security that I am already God’s beloved?”



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13 minute audio prayer meditation based on Eph 1:4
Link put out via Signal App last Sunday

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A 4 PART AUDIO MEDITATION AND DEVOTIONAL ON DISCOVERING OUR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY



“The most important belief we possess is a true knowledge of who God is. The second most important belief is who we are as children of God, because we cannot consistently behave in a way that is inconsistent with how we perceive ourselves.”

Neil T. Anderson

- **John 10:28**
- **Rom 8:38**

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The New Testament refers to Christians as “saints” roughly 60 times, depending on the English translation.

For example:

- **Romans 1:7** — “called to be saints”
- **Romans 8:27** — “the will of God” concerning “the saints”
- **Romans 12:13** — “distributing to the needs of the saints”
- **1 Corinthians 1:2** — “called to be saints”
- **Ephesians 1:1** — “to the saints which are at Ephesus”
- **Philippians 1:1** — “to all the saints in Christ Jesus”
- **Colossians 1:2** — “to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ”
- **Revelation 13:7** — “the saints”
- **Revelation 19:8** — “the righteousness of saints”

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The New Testament expressions describing believers' union with Christ—**“in Christ,” “in Him,” “in whom,”** around 255 times depending on the translation.



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NOT a GOSPEL OF SIN MANAGEMENT!

Colossians 3:12 NIV reminds us in our memory verse today we are…

“God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

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We are an international church called into **NEIGHBOURHOODS & NATIONS**

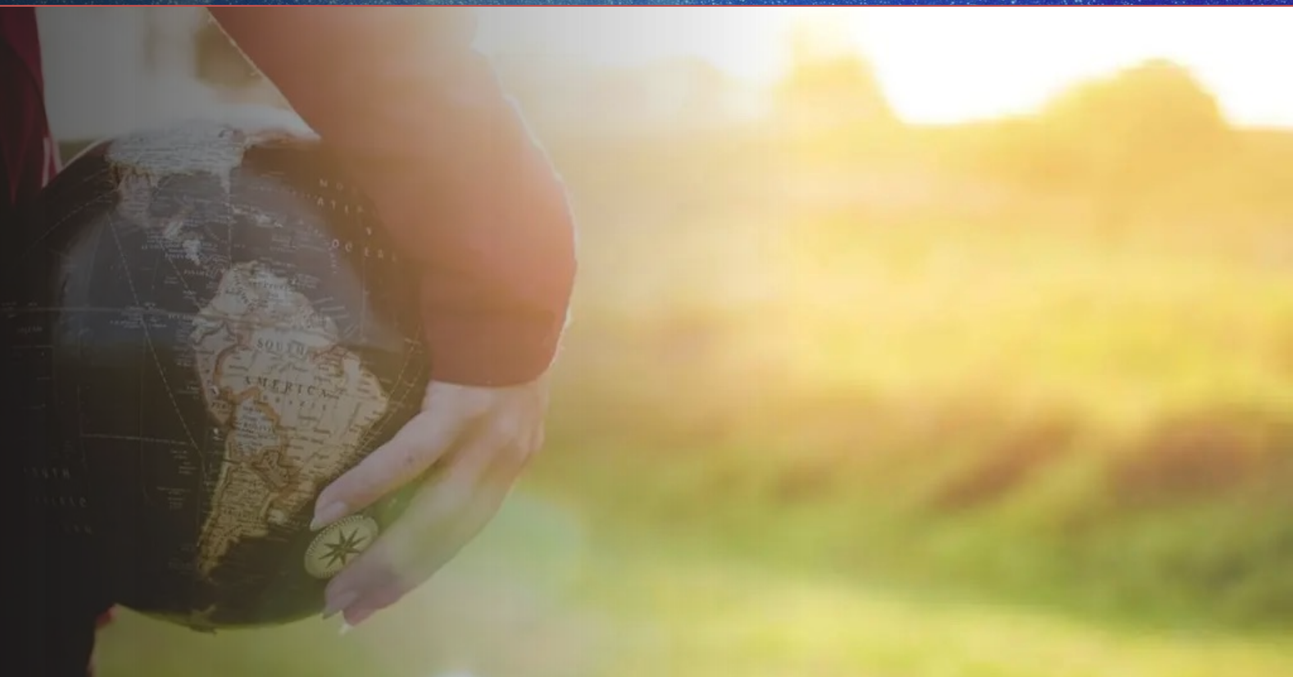
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MISSIONS INFORMATION LUNCH

Interested in coming on a mission trip in the next year?

Sunday 4th October during STAY & EAT church lunch







Mount Carmel Church, Sri Lanka





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Jesus is
Compassionate
Matthew 9: 36

Jesus is
Patient
1 Timothy1:16

Jesus is
Forgiving
John 21:15



Jesus is
Humble
John 13:5

Jesus is
Willing to Listen
Mark 10:47

Jesus is
Surrendered
Luke 22:42



Am I being transformed to be more like Jesus?

More Compassionate

More Patient

More Forgiving

More Humble

More Willing to Listen

More Surrendered

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NORTH
mentor/coach

WEST
peer



EAST
peer

SOUTH
mentee

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A TRANSFORMATION COVENANT - BOOKMARK

Because I belong to Jesus, I choose the way of transformation.

- CHRIST
- SCRIPTURE
- PRAYER
- SIMPLICITY
- PEOPLE
- STEWARDSHIP
- PEACE
- MINISTRY
- SURRENDER

Signed:
Dated:

I will share this with…….

A TRANSFORMATION COVENANT

Because I belong to Jesus, I choose the way of transformation.

CHRIST
I will seek to become more like Jesus, rather than simply trying to become more successful in work or ministry.

SCRIPTURE
I will allow the Gospel to shape my life, not merely my opinions or my serving.

PRAYER
I will make space to be still, to listen and to become attentive to God.

SIMPLICITY
I will resist the temptation to measure my life by possessions, recognition, influence or achievement.

PEOPLE
I will see every person as made in God's image and seek to treat them as Christ would.

STEWARDSHIP
I will receive God's gifts to me and live as a faithful steward of all my time, energy gifts and money.

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PERSONAL DECLARATION:

"Above all: I will allow the Holy Spirit to transform me into the likeness of Jesus, so that through my life, others may encounter Him. We are Transformation Community Church."

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LESSONS FROM THE SABBATICAL

THEME FOR 2026 RELATIONSHIP
RELATIONSHIP TO GOD, RELATIONSHIP TO OTHERS ETC

- You can only live in community effectively if your heart is deeply rooted in God and His love for you (that's where we started, we are the beloved of God).
- We need this because the idea of community is not some romantic ideal.
- We need this because then even people who are difficult in your life are the people God might be using to purify your heart and deepen your love.

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CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN HISTORY (EXTRA NOTES)

John Wesley, founder of Methodist Church, believed that Christians grow best when they:

- *meet consistently,*
- *confess honestly,*
- *encourage one another,*
- *pray for each other,*
- *practise obedience,*
- *and lovingly hold one another accountable.*

He famously insisted that **there is no holiness but social holiness**, meaning that spiritual maturity is ordinarily formed in Christian community rather than in isolation.

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- This is particularly explicit in Matthew 16:18: “I will build my church [ekklesia].”
- Ekklesia- called out, gathered together and given authority
- Jesus’ teaching is not primarily as a building, an institution nor organisation, but as a people called by Jesus, gathered around Jesus, and entrusted with Jesus’ authority and mission.

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The gathering matters. When we gather:

- we hear His word
- we worship
- we pray
- we discern
- we encourage one another
- we correct and restore one another
- we exercise their gifts
- we bear witness to Jesus

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Perhaps the deepest movement is:

Called out of the old → gathered into a new people

→ entrusted with kingdom authority → sent to extend the King's rule.

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CONCLUSION:

So how do we respond?

In one word, PRAYERFULLY. Acts 9:31

"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers"

- **PEACE**
- **STRENGTH**
- **FEAR OF THE LORD**
- **ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT**
- **INCREASE IN NUMBERS**

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