

“The Think, Act, Be Transformation”
Believe: Who Am I Becoming? — Part 11
Acts 2:42-47

***In “The Story,” we discovered,
What we do and how we live is important!***

***In the “Believe” series, we discovered,
What we believe will determine
how we act and who we become.***

What we believe matters!

***The combination of Truth, Action, and Virtue
fulfills the commands of Christ.
Love God with all that you are,
Love your neighbor as yourself,
Love your enemies also!***

1. This transformation begins with the mind.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. *Romans 12:2*

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus... *Philippians 2:5 (NKJV)*

***Our external actions and virtues
must flow from our internal well of beliefs.***

... For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. *Matthew 12:34-35*

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. *Romans 8:5-8*

2. This transformation continues in our actions.

We practice what we believe!

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” *Matthew 28:19-20*

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it— he will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:22-25

**I can cope with the hardships of life
because of the hope I have in Jesus Christ.**

Why?

Because I believe in eternity and eternity produces hope!

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf.

Hebrews 6:19-20

3. This transformation produces who we become.

Our goal is to become like Jesus!

***Christianity is not something we do,
it is a life we live.***

***Our faith is not an external code of conduct,
it is who we are.***

KEY VERSE:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

Application: These new believers began to learn the Scripture; they began to think like Jesus, act like Jesus and became like Jesus. It is how they got the name Christians. It is why other people called them "little Christs." The same is our goal today, to become like our Savior.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not

counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:3-8

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25