



SON OF HEAVEN

Disciples of the Son of Heaven

What does
it look like
to be
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of the Son
of Heaven?

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Scripture

partner with
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relationships with
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increasingly
learn how to live
in and from God's
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kingdom

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“The most important thing in your life is not what you do; it's who you become. That's what you will take into eternity.”

Dallas Willard

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...my little children, for whom I am
again in the anguish of childbirth
until Christ is formed in you!

Galatians 4:19 ESV

to form,
to shape,
to fashion,
to mold

Jesus revealed the need for inner *re*-formation...

“Blind Pharisee!
First clean the inside
of the cup, so that the
outside of it may also
become clean.”

Matthew 23:26 CSB

“Either make the
tree good and its fruit
will be good, or make
the tree bad and its fruit
will be bad; for a tree is
known by its fruit.”

Matthew 12:33 CSB

Mark 7:20-23 ESV

“What comes out of a person is what defiles him.

²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar.

Galatians 5:19-21a CSB

“...make the tree good and its fruit will be good....”

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23a CSB

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...be working-out your salvation
with fear and trembling.

¹³ For God is the *One* working in you
both the wanting and the working,
for *His* good-pleasure.

Philippians 2:12b-13 DLNT

“...make the
tree good and
its fruit will
be good...”

2 Corinthians 3:18 MEV

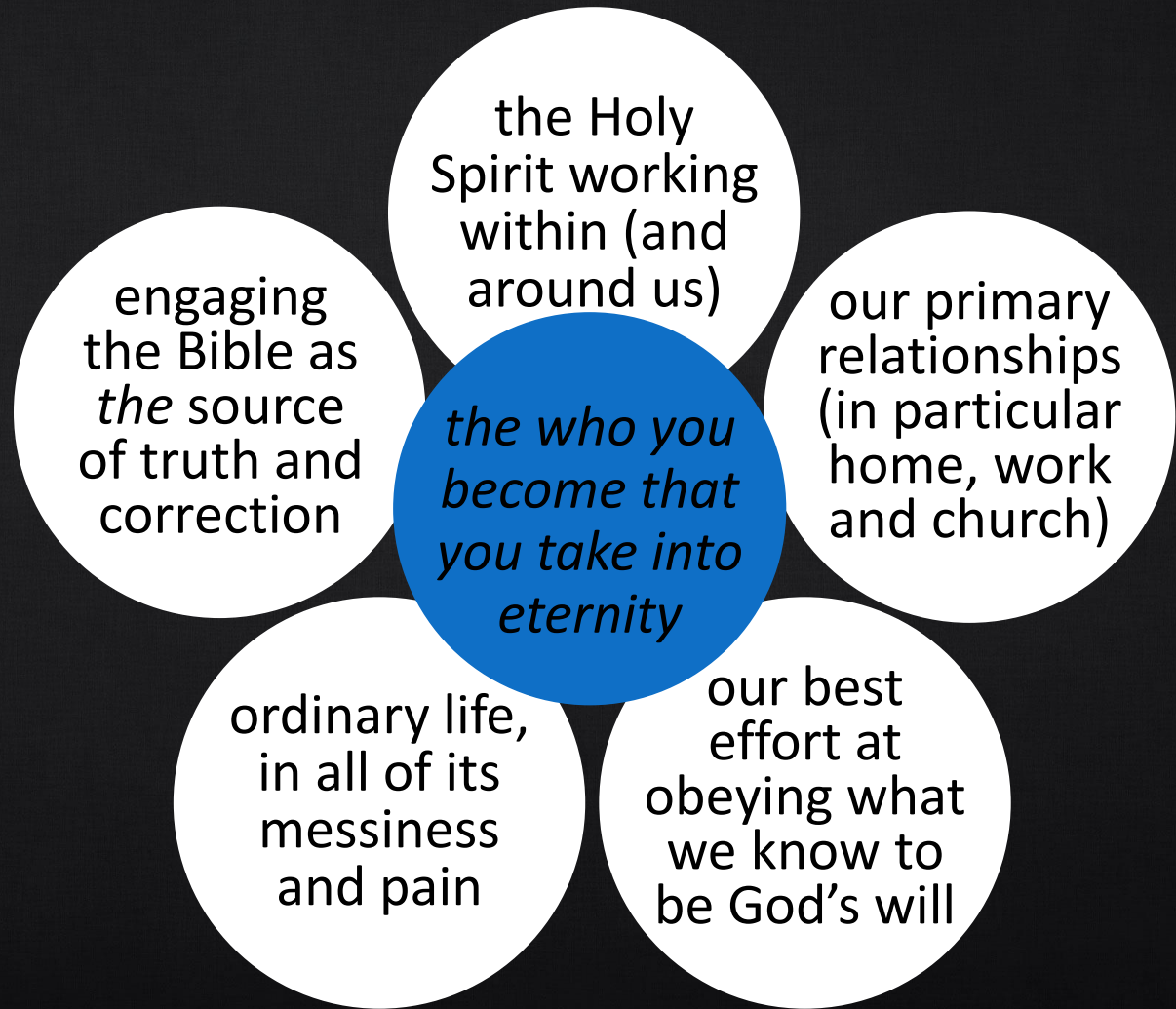
But we all, seeing the glory of the Lord with unveiled faces, as in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord.

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I feel sure that the one who has begun his good work in you will go on developing it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6 PHILLIPS

What are
the primary
contributors
to this
ongoing
process of
formation?



“*Everyone* is in the process of spiritual formation!
Every thought we hold, every decision we make, every
action we take, every emotion we allow to shape our
behavior, every response we make to the world
around us, every relationship we enter into, every
reaction we have toward the things that surround us
and impinge upon lives – all of these things, little
by little, are shaping us into some kind of being.”
M. Robert Mulholland Jr., from *Invitation To a Journey*