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#### TRANSFORMING GRACE

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**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* 

It is enriching to receive something special that is not deserved. In grace, God gave man what was not deserved. The experience of grace is made possible through Jesus Christ. When man embraces the truth and power of grace, he is transformed with gratitude, freed from the power of sin, and given a fullness of joy. Grace is life changing. God, by his grace, works marvelous transformations. In Isaiah 55:13, man is compared to thorns and briers. However a thorough change by the sovereign, regenerating grace of God may be compared to fragrant and fruitful fir trees and myrtle trees. God's word can nourish souls much like rain and snow nourish seeds (Isaiah 55:10–13). Grace does not leave man on his on to grow in spiritual maturity. When God's offer of grace is accepted, the work of God's grace begins in lives and is

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ongoing (**Philippians 1:6**). The Holy Spirit enters and starts a transformation process of man becoming more and more like Jesus. The transforming grace of Jesus Christ offers inner healing and freedom from emotional and spiritual bondage, and enables man to live more fully in the knowledge of God's love, truth and grace. It teaches man to say 'no' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and Godly lives.

Let Us Pray: Lord everything we are and everything we do is of you, through you, by you and unto

you. Teach us to focus on trusting you for your daily transforming graces. Thank you, Lord, for the ability to do new works in grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen. Notes/Thoughts: My Prayer: