



TRUE LIGHT

KEEPING MY EYES ON THE PRIZE

August 10, 2025

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :
9:30 a.m.
Worship:
10:15 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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*"This is the day the Lord
has made. Let us rejoice
and be glad in it."*

Psalm 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**

Politicians talk about change as if it is some precious metal not easily mined or the holy grail to be recovered. They tout their ability to bring change. They may even talk about the quality of change they hope to bring. They all seem to ignore one fundamental truth.

Change is easy.

Please understand me. The experience of that change may not be easy. However, change is as predictable as the sunrise. Change is everywhere. Change happens whether we do anything or not. Whether we want it or not. Change is that constant that interrupts, redirects, and enlivens each of our lives.

Change happening is redundant!

However, the transformational change we desire is hard, complex, and challenging. Transformation is a change with a focused goal and a clear outcome. Transformation removes the steady, mundane, and predictable and replaces it with a whole new way of being. Transformational change, the process of genuine transformation, is radical. Going through it is challenging. Most importantly, transformation is life-altering.

So, what kind of change, what kind of real transformation does God want to see in each of us?

Throughout the New Testament, God has a clear destination for our transformation. God wants us to become like Jesus:

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone, when he is fully trained, will be like his teacher (Luke 6:40 ESV).

My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you (Galatians 4:19).

To [his people,] God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end, I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me (Colossians 1:27-29).

Because of the power of the Holy Spirit, we have the freedom to be transformed, ever increasing glory, to become more and more like Jesus:

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).

In Mark 17, Jesus invited disciples into the journey of transformation. Jesus described three stages to this journey:

1. Come, now!
We have to decide to begin the process of transformation as an immediate priority.
2. Follow me.
We have to spend time with Jesus and learning from him daily if true transformation is going to take place.
3. I will help you become.
Jesus has promised to help us in this journey of transformation; in fact, his job is helping us become and be transformed.

A key part of stages two and three is re-emphasized in Paul's words to the Corinthians. We have to follow, and Jesus empowers the becoming through the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul is more specific with the Corinthians. He's basically saying, "Keep your eyes on the prize! Focus on and contemplate Jesus - focus on what he taught, rejoice in who he is, and notice how he did it. As you focus on Jesus,



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