

## *iTransform*

Introduction: God has a desire to have His own special people (1 Pet. 2:9), unspotted, unworn, & unstained by sin. God paid a price beyond compare—the death of His only Son, Jesus Christ—to make us a new person for Him. Our ultimate concern then is that we change from that old man of sin to a new man of righteousness.

### I. **iDie**

- A. God *wants* us to die. (Eph. 4:20-24)
- B. I am crucified with Christ. Gal. 2:20
- C. Don't allow the "old man" to be existent in your life.
  - 1. Kill the "old man" of sin. (Col. 3:5; 8-10)
  - 2. How do you get rid of the "old man"? (Rom. 6:3-6)
  - 3. Dying with Christ we... (Gal. 5:24)
    - a) Kill our fleshly desires and passions.
    - b) Establish ownership.
- D. Is it good enough to put off the "old man" and stop there?
- E. If we have died with Christ... we live.(Rom. 6:8)

### II. **iLive**

- A. We must undergo a complete transformation. (Rom. 12:1, 2)
- B. Making that transformation is a new way of living. (2 Cor. 5:17)
  - 1. A new **ATTITUDE**. (Phil. 2:5-8)
  - 2. A new **COMMITMENT**. (2 Cor. 5:14-15)
  - 3. A new **GOAL**. (Phil. 3:14)

### III. **iMaintain**

- A. The challenge of every Christian is maintaining life and newness.
- B. How can we keep the new man alive and new?
  - 1. Don't dig up the "old man" of sin! (2 Pet. 2:20-22)
  - 2. Repentance & confession. (Acts 8:22)
  - 3. "Watch & pray..." (Matt. 26:41)
  - 4. "Wait on the Lord..." (Isa. 40:31)
  - 5. "Seek those things which are above. (Col. 3:1-4)
  - 6. Be renewed in knowledge of God. (Col. 3:9-10)

Conclusion: Beginning a new life and starting all over again is such a wonderful thought. Jesus taught Nicodemus in John 3:3 that for one to enter the kingdom of God he must begin a new life by being born again.