

## **Impacted by God’s MERCY**

God’s mercy was presented in Romans 1-11. His mercy overwhelms us when we understand: (1) sin entered the world through Adam; (2) all humans sin and fall short of God’s glory; (3) Jesus died to give us the gift of eternal life; (4) we receive the gift by calling on Jesus.

When we see \_\_\_\_\_,

it motivates us to live \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Be TRANSFORMED (not conformed)**

The moment we believe in Jesus, we’re given everything we need to live a holy life. But transformation doesn’t happen because we work hard at being a good Christian.

We’re being \_\_\_\_\_ when our \_\_\_\_\_

essence makes an \_\_\_\_\_ manifestation.

The Spirit does the work of transformation (2 Cor 3:18)  
while we cooperate with Him in these areas:

\_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:27).

\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 51:10).

\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 3:5).

\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 23:26).

As we’re being \_\_\_\_\_, we receive

\_\_\_\_\_ to know \_\_\_\_\_ for our life.

# Discussion Questions

## Getting Started

How long have you been a Christian? Look back over all the years you have been a Christian and ask yourself what kind of transformations you have seen in your life. Can you look at certain areas of your life and state firmly that Christ has changed you? What are some sins you've overcome?

## Digging Deeper

God's mercy is well-represented throughout the entire Bible (Luke 6:36; 1 Peter 1:3; 1 Tim 1:16; Heb 4:16; Deut 4:31; Eph 2:4; Ex 34:6; Jer 3:12; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2; Lam 3:22; Mt 9:13; Psalm 103:8; Titus 3:5). Why does God's mercy motivate us to live in a way that is pleasing to Jesus Christ? Have you ever felt so loved, forgiven and cared for by God that you wanted to totally surrender your heart and live sold out for Him?

The Spirit works in your life to transform you into the image of God (Galatians 5:16-18, 22-25). When you walk with the Spirit, He produces at least nine different attributes in your life. Ask yourself if these nine characteristics describe your life? Do you need to ask the Spirit to work in a particular area for you?

## Applying the Word to Life

Spend time in prayer with the Holy Spirit. If you are struggling in an area of your life, then go before the Lord and ask Him to help you find the peace He has placed in you. Ask God to create a pure heart in you. Several times a day, tell God that you trust in Him. Learn what it means to delight in God. Peace, purity, trust and delight are all the signs of transformation.

Are you conforming in any area of your life? Do you "look the part" but you are not really close with God? What step can you take today to rid yourself of things that will pass away?