

## The Transforming Power of the Gospel

1. From your understanding of Romans 7:14-25 how does Paul explain our *dilemma*, and our *need* for spiritual “transformation?”
2. What *hope* for us does Paul express in Romans 8:1-11? How does this hope resolve our dilemma?
3. Romans 12:2 and 2 Corinthians 3:18 may explain the spiritual transformation *process* more succinctly than other passages. What can we learn about this process from these two passages alone?
4. The Greek word for “transformed” is *μεταμορφηω*, the root word from which the English word “metamorphosis” is derived. Use your imagination to explain, with similarities and differences, how our understanding of the biological process of “metamorphosis” may help us better understand the transforming power of the gospel.

5. From 2 Corinthians 4-5, what changes in our thinking, our attitudes, our behavior, and in our impact on people around us, might provide evidence that the gospel is having a transforming affect on our lives?
6. How do the following well-known passages help us to further understand the *nature* and *process* of spiritual transformation? Which, if any, are problematic to your thinking? Summarize your thoughts.
- Matthew 26:41
  - John 3:30
  - John 15:4,5
  - Romans 6:6,7,12-14
  - Romans 8:29
  - Romans 13:14
  - 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
  - 1 Corinthians 15:10
  - Galatians 4:19
  - Galatians 5:16-25
  - Ephesians 4:23,24
  - Philippians 1:6
  - Philippians 3:20,21
  - Colossians 2:20-23
  - 1 Timothy 6:11,12
7. **Bonus Question:** In your opinion, how would the transformation process be affected by the spiritual environment (e.g., “grace” *vis-à-vis* “law”) in which the believer is being disciplined? Explain your reasoning.