

The Holy Spirit Creates Christlikeness

Text: Romans 8:29

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I. IT IS THE DESTINY OF EVERY BELIEVER IN CHRIST TO BECOME A MORAL REPLICA OF JESUS (Romans 8:29)

1. The idea of predestination is not God choosing to send some to heaven and others to hell but to develop Christlikeness in every believer.
2. The word "image" is the Greek word "eikon" which means a likeness, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance.
3. This resemblance is a moral likeness to Christ.

II. CHRISTLIKENESS IS DEVELOPED IN THE BELIEVER IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS

1. Fashioning (*Romans 8:29*) - The word conformed means fashioned like unto. To make into a particular form. This requires shaping and molding.
 - (1) The means of shaping often come through adversity (*James 1:2-4*).
2. Filling (*Ephesians 5:18*)
 - (1) Believers are to be filled with the Spirit of God.
 - (2) Being filled with the Spirit means being controlled by the Spirit.
 - (3) When we are controlled by the Spirit, our thoughts, attitudes, and actions will be like Christ.
3. Fruit - (*Ephesians 5:9-10; Gal. 5:22-25*)
 - (1) Fruit means product, yield, produce, and profit.
 - (2) The very presence of the Holy Spirit in one's life will result in one producing this fruit, which produces a Christlike character.
4. Following—(*Gal. 5: 24-25; Gal. 5:16*)
 - (1) The word "walk" means to follow, to live a life occupied with the Spirit. This will keep us from fulfilling the lust of the flesh.
 - (2) We must allow the Holy Spirit to govern our moral life.

III. THE VALUE OF CHRISTLIKENESS (Mt. 5: 14-16)

1. Christlikeness manifests God's presence
2. Christlikeness glorifies God.
3. Christlikeness is essential for effectiveness.