

Renewing Our Vision for 2021
“Depending on Christ Within Us”
Galatians 2:19-3:5

Peter’s Summary of Spiritual Growth

II Peter 1:1-4 God’s power within me to participate in the divine nature and become more like Jesus Christ.

II Peter 1:5-11 “The Top Seven” character changes in my life that are being produced as I walk in Christ.

The Sower and the Seed (Luke 8:4-15)

Jesus, the living Word of God, is planted within me.

Jesus bears fruit in my life in character transformation.

Character Transformation According to Paul

**1. We cannot experience character transformation and confidence before God simply by obeying rules.
(Galatians 2:19)**

True of the Old Testament laws.

True of the many rules that religions create.

True of the many expectations imposed on Christians.

The Apostle Paul said he had to die to self-effort so that he could truly trust Jesus and live for God.

**2. Jesus defeated sin within us so that He could dwell live in us and transform us through His presence.
(Galatians 2:20-21)**

The death of Christ fixed the problem of sin within me.

Jesus now dwells in me and changes me from the inside out.

My priority in life is keeping my eyes on Jesus for transformation.

Becoming truly righteous is only possible through Jesus.

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

**3. It is part of our human nature to rely on ourselves to change rather than surrender ourselves to Christ within us.
(Galatians 3:1-5)**

We receive the Spirit by faith in Jesus. (Gal. 3:1-2)

We cannot transform our lives by returning to rules. (Gal. 3:3)

Our transformation into Christ-likeness requires dependence upon the Spirit working within us. (Gal. 3:4-5)

The Simplicity of Surrendering to the Spirit

- **Resist rule makers and judges!**
- **Keep my eyes on Jesus as a person who prioritized love, grace, forgiveness, healing and kindness.**
- **Prioritize my commitment to the “New Commandment” as the most important expression of my love of Jesus.**

*“I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.” **John 13:34-35***