

## The Transfiguration of Christ

Luke 9: 28-36

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### Intro

About a week after the feeding of the 5,000 Jesus goes up to a mountain to pray. He takes with Him Peter, James, and John, who, at this point, could be considered His inner circle.

While on the mountain a most amazing thing happens; Jesus is transfigured by “glory” and appears with Moses and Elijah.

It is this “glory” that we want to focus on in this section of Luke. There is an application to us here in that God desires a transformation in us as well.

This lesson is about the transformation of glory in the lives of those who are in Christ Jesus.

### I. God Intends to Glorify Those He Calls

(This first point is informational only and builds support for the applications in the next point)

Rom 8:28-30

#### A. Those He calls... He also glorifies.

- Being changed into the image of His Son.

II Cor 3:18

### B. We Reflect the Lord’s Glory

- Compare the glory of Christ in us to the glory of Moses at the receiving of the law.

### C. Let’s Define “Glory.”

- It usually represents the Heb. “kabod”, “weight,” and Greek, “doxa” (doxology).
- Meaning the manifestation of God’s character and power.
- When we sin we fall short of it.
- It is often represented by “light” in scripture.
- Some examples; the Shikinah glory of God, the pillar of fire, “the whole earth declares the glory of God.”

Rom 3:23

## II. We Are Changed in the Presence of a Holy God

### A. We are changed by our environment.

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We are changed by people we’re with.

- When my relatives from Arkansas visited
- When I’m with Kaveh
- We actually start looking like our spouse

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In the restaurant business, we used to get grumpy customers and we would challenge our waiters and waitresses to see who would win the

other over. Would they become grumpy or would the customer become happy?

- One customer in particular that I waited on.

B. It works in the negative as well

I Cor 15:33

- Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

- Choose your friends well; they will have a great impact on who you become!!!

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Friends can make for a tug of war of the soul.  
(My friend in high school, Terry)

- How do you have non-Christian friends to witness about Christ and yet not get influenced?

- Do you keep company with bad characters choosing bad company on TV or videos, music, etc.?

III. How are we changed by God's glory?

- By being in His presence (soaking in God's thoughts and character)
- Letting His Word abide in us richly
- Walking in the Light (being accountable to the light of God)
- Being led by the Holy Spirit (Involving Him in decisions)
- By giving God our best

Conclusion:

Do you have a desire to be in the likeness of Christ?

There is a tug of war going on in the lives of most people. You have a choice as to how you're going to live.

Choose to be changed into the likeness of Christ.