

True Salvation, True Transformation
Text: Acts 19:1-10
April 5, 2025

Big Idea: When you are saved by Jesus, you will be transformed by Jesus.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3

- a) **Rd John 15:4-8:** What does Jesus say is the proof that a person is truly His follower?
- b) Why is the fruit of one's life the proof of a transformed heart?
- c) Why is it impossible to be saved by Jesus and not be transformed by Jesus?
- d) Look up and share Scriptures that tell what the fruits of the Holy Spirit are in one's life.

A life transformed by Jesus increasingly displays His...

Point 1: Undeniable PROOF: God's FRUIT (vv. 1-7)

Question: When God transforms a life, He bears fruit through that life. Is His fruit in you?

Question #4

- a) **Rd vv. 1-7:** How did Paul know that these 12 men were not true disciples of Jesus?
- b) Describe the differences between the baptism of John and Christian baptism.
- c) What did John the Baptist signify the ending of? What did the coming of Jesus signify the start of?

Question #5

- a) **Rd. 2 Corinthians 3:16-18:** Who is the Holy Spirit transforming us into the image of through His fruit in us?
- b) Think of a circle (360 degrees). How big is one degree? Why should this encourage us in our walk with the Lord, especially in those times when we don't see as much fruit as we want to?

Question #7

- a) What is our part in bearing fruit for the glory of God? Are we just passive in the process? (Hint: Ephesians 4:1-3, Philippians 2:12)
- b) Why must we constantly “examine ourselves” (2 Cor. 13:5) to see if we are standing firm in faith?
- c) What are two kinds of spiritual fruit that you would like to see increasing in your life? What is a next step you can take to “work out” your salvation and partner with the Holy Spirit to grow in these areas?
- d) Spend time in prayer as a group praying for one another and follow-up this week.

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Point 2: Unwavering **PRIORITY**: God’s **KINGDOM** (vv. 8-10)

Question: The transformed life prioritizes God’s Kingdom. Whose kingdom is your priority?

Question #8

- a) **Rd. vv. 8-10**: When Paul was opposed, how did he respond? How does this show his priority was God’s kingdom and not his own?
- b) How is the increasing priority of God’s kingdom over your own, proof of a transformed life in Jesus?
- c) In just two years, how did God use the lives of those who prioritized His kingdom?
- d) How would you like to see God use your life to build His kingdom in the season ahead?
- e) What steps can you take/priorities you need to keep in His power to see that happen?
- f) Spend time in prayer together for these things and follow-up with each other about them.

Prayer Application

“...I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”-Matthew 16:18b

By God’s grace, we have just celebrated 8 years of ministry at Hope Ottawa! Spend time...

- a) **TESTIFYING**: To the work He has done in your life personally and in the church (Get Specific!).
Once you have shared, spend time in prayer...
- b) **CONFESSING**: Your/Our constant need for Him in all things.
- c) **PRAISING**: Him for who He is
- d) **THANKING**: Him for the work He has done in your life personally and in the church,
- e) **ASKING**: Him for more of Him and His glory through increasing fruitfulness in the days ahead!

Memory Verse:

“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”-John 15:8