

**Series:**  
**That You May Know God's Love**



**The Transforming  
Love of God  
- How it Works -  
(part 1)**

**Ephesians 2:8-10 / Philippians 2:13**

**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

**8 For by grace you have been  
saved through faith;  
and that not of yourselves,  
it is the gift of God;**



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**Ephesians 2:8-10**

**9 not as a result of works,  
so that no one may boast.**

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**How it works (part 1)**

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

**10 For we are His workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand  
so that we would walk in them.**



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**Philippians 2:13**

**13 for it is God who is at work in you,  
both to will and to work  
for His good pleasure.**



**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**Introduction:**

**Throughout this month of February we have focused our attention of the concept of God's love for us. The Apostle Paul prayed that we may know the love of God in its fullness.**



**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**Introduction:**

**We saw together that God's love  
is both a pursuing love  
and a compelling love.**

**Last week we began to consider the truth  
that God's love is a transforming love.**

**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**Introduction:**

**We determined to think about this aspect of God's love from the big picture viewpoint. Through Biblical examples and Scripture we saw that God's love transforms people in 4 primary ways.**



# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

**First**, God transforms who we are  
when we are born again.

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# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

**Second,** God transforms what we believe about everything.

**His Word,** as revealed by **His Spirit,** becomes our authority for understanding everything.





**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**Every thought is to be brought captive  
to the obedience of Jesus Christ.**  
**(2 Corinthians 10:3-6)**

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

**Thirdly**, God then transforms  
how we live.

**Lastly**, God transforms  
what we pursue.



# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**This is not a one-time process  
through this 4 step cycle.  
God continues to transform us  
in these ways as we journey  
through this part of our life with God.**

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**How it works (part 1)**

**Ephesians 2:10**

describes this process with the words  
**“we are His workmanship”**.

The ultimate purpose of this  
work of transformation is to  
make us more and more like Jesus  
in every way and to lead us to the pursuit  
of God’s Kingdom and Righteousness  
above everything else.



**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**This transformation is a work  
from the inside out.**

**The Holy Spirit who comes  
to dwell within us when we are born  
again leads this transformation process.**



**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**The goal is to bring the soul  
and body of the believer into alignment  
with the will of God.**

**The soul is our mind, our emotions,  
and our will.**



# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

**Therefore, the work of transformation is to change us so that we use our bodies as instruments of righteousness.**

**(Romans 6:12-13)**

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

**It is to change how we think and believe  
as the Holy Spirit renews our minds  
with God's Word.**

**(Romans 12:1-2).**





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**How it works (part 1)**

**It is to bring our emotions  
under the control of the Holy Spirit.**  
**(Galatians 5:22-23)**



**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**It is to bring our will  
to be surrendered to the will of God.**  
**(2 Cor. 5:15).**



# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**This transformation is a result of our relationship with God which we are given when we become His children.**

**This transformation is a work of God alone but it does require our cooperation, and/or our willingness.**

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

In the Scriptures we have read from **Ephesians 2** this morning we see two important words.

The words are **grace** and **faith**.

Our experience of transformation by God's love is a result of God's grace combined with our faith.



**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**



**Philippians 2:13**  
**gives us the perfect definition of grace.**

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

Grace is the desire to do God's will  
(**“to will”**).

Grace is also the power to do God's will  
(**“to work”**).



# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**Grace is given in these two stages. Once we experience the first stage of grace which is to receive from the Holy Spirit a desire to want to do God's will we must then chose faith.**

# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**Biblical faith is a trust  
which leads one to obedient action.  
So once we are given the desire  
we then begin to move in the direction  
of the desire in trusting obedience.**



# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**Our faith is in Jesus and in the truth  
that God's will is best for us.**

**Our faith is a trust that God will supply  
the power to carry out the obedience.**

# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**We cannot desire God's will  
nor do God's will on our own.  
We depend upon God's grace alone.  
Transformation occurs as God gives  
grace and it is made complete  
by our choice of obedient faith.**



# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**In our desire to look at this concept more closely we will consider how this process of transformation works in four keys areas of God's will for us.**

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# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

- **God's will concerning our salvation**
- **God's will concerning our character development**
- **God's will concerning our overcoming sin**
- **God's will concerning our serving in His Kingdom**



# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**In each of the four areas we will consider the process of how grace and faith lead to our being transformed. We must remember that all of this work of transformation is done through a relationship of love between us and God.**

# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**The primary tool used by the Holy Spirit to reveal to us God's will is God's Word.**

**We should therefore expect to see in God's Word these four areas revealed clearly as God's will.**



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**How it works (part 1)**

**The Holy Spirit takes the Word  
and uses it to create in us  
an understanding of God's will  
and a desire to obey His will.  
The Holy Spirit can use a multitude  
of ways to bring God's Word  
to our attention.**

# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**For example the Word can be spoken to us, we can read it, and the Word can simply be put into our mind by the Holy Spirit as a thought.**



# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**Today let's consider the transformation  
which occurs as we receive  
God's gift of salvation.**

**Next week as God allows we will  
begin to consider the other 3 examples  
of God's transforming work in us.**

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**How it works (part 1)**

**Transformation process**  
**example 1**  
**- God's will - our Salvation**

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# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**God's Word is clear that it is God's will that each person be born again. Each person needs to experience the forgiveness of sin which is possible only through trusting Jesus. Therefore, the Holy Spirit brings this truth to our attention.**

# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**Let's begin with a few Scriptures  
which reveal the truth of God's will  
concerning our salvation.**

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# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

### **John 1:12-13**

*“As many as received Him (Jesus)  
to them He gave the right to become  
children of God,  
even to those who believe in His Name,  
who were born not of blood,  
nor of the will of the flesh,  
nor of the will of man,  
but of God”.*

# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**Clearly the gift of becoming a child of God comes as a result of God's will.**

**When a person trusts Jesus ("received Him") the person is given the power to become God's child.**



# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**Here we see grace providing the understanding and desire of God's will. We see the person expressing trust in Jesus, who is the only way revealed by God whereby we can receive the gift of eternal life.**

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

As a person trusts in Jesus,  
God's grace then instantly provides  
the power to experience God's will.  
In this passage the person is called  
**“born of God”**.



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**How it works (part 1)**

**1 Timothy 2:3-4**

**“This is good and acceptable in the sight  
of God our Savior, who desires  
all men to be saved and to  
come to the knowledge of the truth.”**

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## How it works (part 1)


### **2 Peter 3:9**

**“The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slowness but is patient towards you not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”**



# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

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**God's will is clear.  
He desires every person  
to experience salvation.**

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

**Acts 4:10-12**

tells us that there is no other name  
whereby we must be saved  
except the Name of Jesus.



**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**Acts 4:10-12**

**10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health.**

**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**Acts 4:10-12**

**11 HE is the STONE WHICH WAS  
REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, *but*  
WHICH BECAME  
THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*.**



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**How it works (part 1)**

**Acts 4:10-12**

**<sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else;  
for there is no other name under heaven  
that has been given among men  
by which we must be saved.”**

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

We read together **Ephesians 2:8-10**  
earlier which declares,  
**“For it is by grace through faith  
that we are saved”.**



# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**The grace of God gives us the understanding of our need of salvation and that Jesus is our only hope of a right relationship with God. Let's dig a little deeper.**

# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**When we simply trust in Jesus believing that He died upon a cross to pay for our sins and that He rose from the dead three days later we are given grace to experience the new birth.**



# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

### **Romans 10:9**

declares that we **“shall be saved”**.

The moment we trust in Jesus seeking His forgiveness, thanking Him for His sacrifice, desiring a relationship with Him He saves us by His grace.

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**How it works (part 1)**

**This new birth begins a wonderful,  
eternal journey with God.**  
**This new birth is necessary  
because we are born dead in our sins.**



# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

In **Ephesians 2:5** we see that even when  
we were dead in our sins  
we were made alive with Christ  
(quicken-KJV).

**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**Ephesians 2:5**

**5 even when we were dead in our  
transgressions, made us alive  
together with Christ  
(by grace you have been saved),**



# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

This phrase is followed by the words  
**“by grace you have been saved”**.  
God’s grace gives us the desire to be  
saved and the gift of God’s  
transforming power  
which changes us as we believe.

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

**Romans 12:3b** tells us that God gives every person a measure of faith. God's grace even provides the faith we need. We must simply exercise the faith we are given to experience the transforming power of God's love in salvation.



# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

Let's dig a little deeper.

In **John 16:8** Jesus told us  
that the Holy Spirit would convict  
the world of sin, righteousness  
and judgement.

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**How it works (part 1)**

**John 16:8**

**8 And He, when He comes,  
will convict the world concerning sin  
and righteousness and judgment;**



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**How it works (part 1)**

**So the Holy Spirit's role  
is to convict people.**

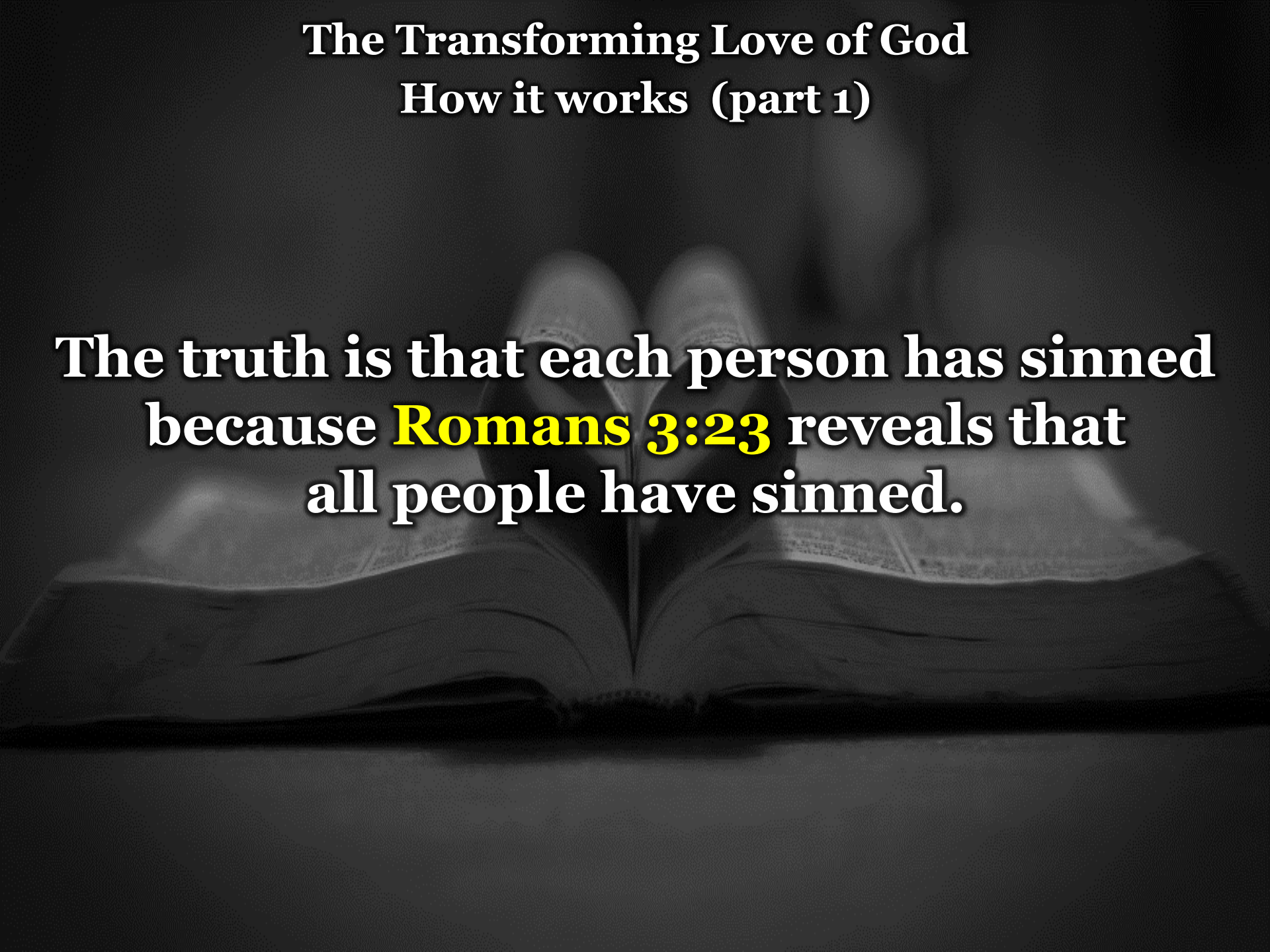
**By God's grace the Holy Spirit  
reveals to a person the truth about sin.**

**The Holy Spirit uses this truth  
to convict each person of sin.**

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

The truth is that each person has sinned  
because **Romans 3:23** reveals that  
all people have sinned.

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**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**Every person who is honest  
about the subject will confirm  
that God's Word is true in this case.  
All have sinned.**

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

Each person therefore deserves  
spiritual death or separation from God  
because of their sin.

**Romans 6:23a**

reveals that the wages of sin is death.



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**How it works (part 1)**

**The Holy Spirit also convicts people  
concerning righteousness.  
No one can be righteous in God's eyes  
by doing good deeds.**

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**How it works (part 1)**

**The only righteousness God will accept  
is the righteousness of Jesus.  
Jesus alone lived a perfect life  
without sin.**

**His righteousness is credited  
to our account removing our sin  
the moment we trust in Jesus alone  
for our salvation.**



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**How it works (part 1)**

**Jesus took our sin spiritually  
upon Himself on the cross  
so that He could pay for us  
the penalty of spiritual death  
-separation from God.**

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

When a person trusts in Jesus  
the sacrifice of Jesus is applied  
to the person's life.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

reveals very clearly this truth.



**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

**21 He made Him who knew no sin  
to be sin on our behalf,  
so that we might become  
the righteousness of God in Him.**

**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**The Holy Spirit also convicts  
of judgment.**

**He makes it clear that to  
reject God's gift of eternal life  
through Jesus means a person  
remains spiritually dead  
and once they experience  
death in this life they face the judgment.**



# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

**Hebrews 9:27** tells us  
“it is appointed for men to die once  
and after this comes the judgment”.  
The Holy Spirit makes it clear that  
there are only two options.

# The Transforming Love of God

## How it works (part 1)

**We can trust Jesus and have eternal Life  
or reject Jesus and spend eternity  
separated from God in a lake of fire  
which was created for the devil  
and all of the fallen angels.**

**1 John 5:11-13** speaks this truth  
about this choice concerning Jesus.



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**How it works (part 1)**

**1 John 5:11-13**

**11 And the testimony is this,  
that God has given us eternal life,  
and this life is in His Son.**

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**How it works (part 1)**

**1 John 5:11-13**

**12 He who has the Son has the life;  
he who does not have the Son of God  
does not have the life.**





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**How it works (part 1)**

**1 John 5:11-13**

**13 These things I have written  
to you who believe in the name  
of the Son of God,  
so that you may know that  
you have eternal life.**



**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**So we see in the experience of salvation  
how the transforming love of God  
works in us.**

**We are saved by God's grace giving us  
the desire and the power to be saved.**



# **The Transforming Love of God**


## **How it works (part 1)**

**Our willingness to exercise  
the faith God provides by His grace  
allows God to place our lives into Christ  
causing us to be new creations,  
born again from above.**

# **The Transforming Love of God**

## **How it works (part 1)**

**Additional Scriptures,  
concerning God's will of salvation,  
for further study are in the outline**

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**How it works (part 1)**

**Application**

**Have you experienced the new birth?**

**Do you know with 100% certainty that  
you have been given the gift  
of eternal life?**

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**How it works (part 1)**

**Application**

**How is God's love seeking  
to transform you right now?**

**Whatever God is seeking to do in you  
will be accomplished only by His grace  
and your faith in Him.**



**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

**Application**

**Is He:**

**Urging you to trust Jesus for salvation?**

**Urging you to allow Him  
to renew your mind  
so that what you believe  
will align with His Word?**

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**How it works (part 1)**

**Application**

**Is He:**

**Urging you to change an aspect  
of how you live?**

**Urging you to pursue first  
His Kingdom and Righteousness?**



**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

# **Application**

**The desire to do God's will is an act of God's grace towards you. Trust Jesus in this area of life and experience the power to do God's will.**

**The result will be that you are being changed to be more like Jesus.**

**The Transforming Love of God**  
**How it works (part 1)**

# **Application**

**You are being changed to prepare you  
to serve in God's kingdom  
both now and in the life to come.  
Once you have trusted in Jesus  
for salvation you are  
God's workmanship (**His project**)  
created in Christ Jesus for good works.**



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