

Isaiah: A Prophet for Our Time
Radical Transformation
Isaiah 62:1-12

There is much that comes to mind when thinking about the concept of transformation. In the insect world, the process of metamorphosis completely and radically transforms a caterpillar into a butterfly. It is the same class of insect. It is the same actual insect. And yet, after this radical transformation, it has a new look and a new name.

1. Christ offers us a new name.
2. Christ offers us a new relationship.
3. Christ offers us a new way to live.

Christ has a relentless passion when it comes to pursuing His bride and purifying her to perfection. Jesus will never stop speaking His word into the hearts of His church. His desire is for us to stand with Him in perfect holiness, enjoying His glory forever and ever. The characteristics of our transformation should be marked by our pursuit of the things that stir our affections for Christ, by our desire to put in our past the idols that once ruled over us, and by our diligence and energy with regard to our involvement in the church and its mission.

Reflection

How should we share Christ's passion for the perfection and glory of His bride? What does that look like in our daily lives? How is the church's growth in holiness attractive to the nations and their kings, or to bring it closer to home, how is it attractive to the friends and family members in your immediate spheres of influence? How does the idea that Christ delights in His church encourage you? How does it convict you? By whose strength does the church grow in both numbers and in maturity (v8)? How do we travel the way of the Lord while at the same time build it up so that others may travel? How does the courage and faithfulness of previous generations of Christians smooth the highway for those who follow?