Transformation
A Unifying Vision of Christ-Likeness

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What Do You Want Most?

- To be Happy?
- To be Healthy?
- To be Holy?
- To change the World?
- To change Yourself?
- To serve and glorify God?
Transformational Christianity

• New perspective integrating biblical truth
  • Blessing God
  • As He blesses us
  • As we bless others

• Centered on Becoming Like Christ
  • Individuals, Communities, Systems
Transformation Is:

• The Whole Work
• of Whole People
• of the Whole God

Includes:

• How the Father works in and through people
• How people incarnate the Son into their work
• How work can bring people to God by the Spirit
Agenda

- Thinking Transformationally
- Whole God: *Reconciliation*
- Whole People: *Sanctification*
- Whole Work: *Incarnation*
- Taking the Next Step
Thinking Transformationally
A Trinitarian Vision

Father
Son
Spirit
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Trinitarian Thinking

• Provides a metaphor for understanding truth
• Reflects the triune nature of God
• Embodies the uniqueness of Christ
• Reconciles apparent contradictions
• Thrives on paradoxical tension
Transformed Understanding
Transforming Communities

- City
- People
- Work
- Family
- Church
- God
Six Core Values

- Visions of:
  - God
  - People
  - Work
- Visions for:
  - Church
  - Family
  - City
Six Wellsprings

- Reforming Theology
- Reviving Peoples
- Revitalizing Work
- Nurturing Churches
- Empowering Families
- Redeeming Cities
Both What We Do...

• Reform Theology
• Revive Peoples
• Revitalize Work
• Nurture Churches
• Empower Families
• Redeem Cities
...& What We Seek

- *Theology* that Reforms
- *People* who Revive
- *Work* that Revitalizes
- *Churches* that Nurture
- *Families* who Empower
- *Cities* that Redeem
Six Streams

- Reforming Theology: *Spiritual Direction*
- Reviving Peoples: *Personal Renewal*
- Revitalizing Work: *Marketplace Ministry*
- Nurturing Churches: *Saturation Discipling*
- Empowering Families: *Community Development*
- Redeeming Cities: *Regional Pastoring*
Holistic Holiness

• A comprehensive vision of wholeness:
  • The whole God over the whole Church
  • Whole People in whole Families
  • The whole Work of the whole City

• Enjoying Transformation together

• Being shaped in the likeness of Christ
Whole God
Sectarianism to Reconciliation
Sectarianism

Evangelical

Pentecostal

Ecumenical
Three Paradigms

Evangelical

Word Scripture

Pentecostal

Spirit Experience

Ecumenical

Body Reason
Differing Priorities

• Evangelical
  • Scripture > Reason > Experience

• Pentecostal
  • Experience > Scripture > Reason

• Ecumenical
  • Reason > Experience > Scripture
Three Persons

Evangelical
Son

Ecumenical
Father

Pentecostal
Spirit
One God

- Father
- Son
- Spirit

Diagram illustrating the relationship between the Father, Son, and Spirit.
One Faith
Reconciliation
Together for Transformation

- Scripture *Informs* reason and experience
- Reason *Interprets* scripture and experience
- Experience *Tests* reason and scripture
- Each aspect serves the others
  - Fulfilling their proper role
  - Neither idolized nor ignored
Whole People

Consumerism to Sanctification
Different Faces

- Body Materialism
- Spirit Hedonism
- Word Legalism
One Hope

Body

Word

Spirit

Blood
Sanctification

Healthy Body

Happy Spirit

Word Holy
Whole Work

Separatism to Incarnation
Separatism

Power

Money

Sex
Different Institutions

- State Power
- Market Money
- Family Sex
One Mission

State

Market

Church

Family
Incarnation

Justice
State
Market
Humility

Family
Love
Taking the Next Step
Transformation

• Changes everything
  • Sectarianism to Reconciliation
  • Consumerism to Sanctification
  • Separatism to Incarnation
• How does God want to transform you?
• What does God want you to transform?
• Where do you need to grow like Christ?
For More Information

- *City Reaching*, Jack Dennison (book)
- *Anointed for Business*, Ed Silvoso (book)
- *Transformations*, George Otis, Jr. (video)
- *Transform World*, Luis Bush (conferences)
- [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transformationalism](en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transformationalism)
Q & A

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The End

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