

## **SINGLE ALLIANCE**

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### **FAITH FACTS- TRANSFORMING FAITH**

#### **I. Intro**

- A. Thank you Coralean for teaching last week
- B. We are continuing on the subject of faith
- C. We talked about the difference between rhema and logos
- D. We talked about faith is of the heart and the heart has eyes and the importance of seeing what the Word says about you.
- E. We talked about the faith of God- outcome first, then process afterwards
- F. We talked about the prayer of faith
- G. This week I want to talk about transforming faith- This builds on what we have taught previously. God wants our lives transformed into the image of His Son.

#### **II. The Spirit realm**

- A. We need to know something about God that will help us in our faith.
- B. There is no time in God- Time is part of this creation. God lives outside and separate of time.
- C. Eternal life is not a duration but a state of being. Before Abraham was, I AM
- D. Everything done to us and given to us is in Christ, who is God.
- E. Christ is complete. He is not becoming! He and everything in Him is in a completed state.
- F. Our spirit is in Christ. Therefore our spirit is not becoming, it is! We are seated with Christ. Ephesians 2:6
- G. God sees us completely finished and before His throne. Romans 8:30
- H. Colossians 2:10 We are complete in Christ. There is no becoming in Christ. There is only completeness in Christ-
- I. God is light. Closer to the speed of light time slows down. At the point of the speed of light there is no time.
- K. Trying to become something you are not is the greatest enemy to actual transformation!

### III. Becoming vs. growing- There is a big difference!

- A. Becoming is focusing on getting to a completion or to a conclusion that is not a reality at the present.
- B. Transformation is based upon being something already, but manifesting it progressively on the outside. Ex. Butterfly.
- C. God created a law called Law of equal and opposite reaction. When you say I must become then you equally say to yourself you are not. The harder you try to become the stronger you yell to yourself you are not.
- D. Each epistle in the New Testament is divided into two parts. The first part shows you who you already are. The second part of each letter tells you to grow in who you are. **There is a difference in trying to become something you are not, and growing in what and who you are.**
- E. Hebrews 10:14- God completed us in spirit and now by faith we are being transformed into that image in our soul and actions.
- F. (Eph 4:15 NASB) but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

### IV. How to grow

- A. How do we break free from habits? You need to grow into who you are! You are free in Christ!
- B. Growth comes by renewing our minds by meditation on the Word.
- C. Meditation on the Word produces hope and faith in you. Meditation on the Word illuminates your inward eyes to who you are, what you have, and what you can do, in Christ.
- D. Meditation is spoken of in both the Old and New Testaments. It is vital for transformation or growing in who you are in Christ
- E. Meditation incorporates your heart seeing what God says about you and then vocalizing it
- F. The main Hebrew word for meditate is **hagah**. Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew dictionary says this word has within it the meanings of devise, muse, to imagine, to utter or say. It is translated meditate, imagine, mutter, to say.

G. The Greek word for meditate is **melatao**- Vine's Dictionary says that this word's **prevalent meaning is to practice** or to imagine. It is translated imagine in the book of Acts.

H. We are to visualize ourselves or meditate on what God says about us. We need to visualize ourselves being free from sinful habits. This is not make-believe! It is see the truth or reality about you. God's Word is ultimate reality!

I. If you can't seem to stop smoking, you can practice being free from smoking by meditating. You can see yourself throwing away your cigs and see yourself living an entire day without smoking or even wanting to. You can even imagine how you would feel doing so. This might be hard at first but the more you practice the easier it will become. You will start seeing effortless change because you have had a heart change.

J. Research has proven that the human mind cannot distinguish between actually doing something and visualizing yourself doing something with corresponding emotions. To your mind and heart it is as you have done already actually done it.

K. Habits are formed by repetition. You formed them by practice both in your heart and in action. You can practice being free by meditating on the Word of God. You can practice living in the freedom Jesus has purchased. When you can see yourself living in freedom then you need to start confessing I am free and the Holy Spirit will empower a transformation!

L. Confessing the Word is vital but if you do not change your belief or what you see on the inside then it will only be empty words.