

## **THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF CHURCH LIFE IS TRANSFORMED LIVES**

**Church members should want their lives transformed into the image of Jesus Christ. Church members should want all people's lives to be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ.**

**Transformed lives happen through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. A transformed life is testimony to life giving power; the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.**

**Transformed lives are not a result of the church's conformity to a set of doctrinal conclusions. Transformed lives are not determined by one's belief about the rapture of the church, the Great Tribulation, the Second Death, election, free-will, atonement theories, etc.**

**Transformation is a change in our life as we cooperate with God's work in us while we put off the old life, are renewed in our minds, and as we put on the new life in Christ. This is true repentance. Repentance is toward God. Repentance is a continuous action. Our old self was crucified with Him in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin (Romans 6:6). We are new creatures in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life (Ephesians 4:22). God's Spirit renews our minds as we saturate our minds with His Word of truth. God renews our hearts and thoughts as we submit to His Word and obey His commandments. You will display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness (Ephesians 4:24). For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey Him and the power to do what pleases Him (Philippians 2:13). We are created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them (Ephesians 2:10).**

**When the church works together to present the good news that Jesus died to take away our sin and rose from death to give us new life in Him, we are obeying His command and we are engaged in His work of love.**

