



**CHRIST THE  
TRANSFORMER  
OF CULTURE:**  
OUR CALLING IN A BROKEN WORLD



PRAYER

A serene autumn landscape featuring a wooden bench in the foreground, a calm lake reflecting the surrounding trees, and a dense forest of trees with vibrant yellow and orange foliage. The scene is captured in a soft, slightly overcast light, creating a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere.

# **Observations from 2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

**What is happening in these verses?**

**v17 - New Creation in Christ**

**v18-19 - The Ministry of Reconciliation**

**v20 - Ambassadors for Christ**



A scenic autumn forest with a wooden bridge over a stream. The ground is covered in fallen leaves, and the trees are in various stages of autumn color. The sky is overcast.

# **Lessons from 2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

**What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?**

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake reflecting the surrounding mountains and trees. The foreground shows a dark, textured rock with an open book resting on it. The background consists of a range of mountains under a cloudy sky, with a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees, some of which have yellowed leaves, suggesting an autumn setting.

# 1. Transformation Begins with Us in Christ

*Romans 12:2 - "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*



## 2. Living as the Light of the World

***Matthew 5:14-16 - "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others."***

### **3. Engaging Culture Without Compromise**

***John 17:15-18 - "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them..."***





## **4. Transforming Culture Through Small Words and Deeds**

***James 3:4-5 - "...take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go."***





# **Application from 2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

**How can I apply / live out these  
verses?**

A person is walking away from the camera down a path covered in fallen autumn leaves. The path leads towards a building with a porch. The trees are filled with yellow and orange leaves, and the sky is overcast. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

# **1. Be Saved in Christ and Embrace Continued Transformation**

***Ephesians 4:22-24 - "Put off your old self... and put on the new self, created to be like God."***

A person with long hair, wearing a brown coat and a green scarf, is walking away from the camera on a dirt path. The path leads towards a town nestled in a valley, with mountains in the background. The scene is captured in a soft, slightly hazy light, possibly during the golden hour. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

## 2. Represent Christ in Every Interaction

**Colossians 3:17** - *“Whatever you do... do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.”*

### **3. Be a Light in Your Community**

***Matthew 5:16 - "Let your light shine before others."***



A man with a backpack is walking away from the camera on a path in a park. The path is covered in fallen leaves, and there are trees with yellowing leaves in the background. The scene is slightly blurred, suggesting a shallow depth of field.

## **4. Transform Culture Together as the Body of Christ**

***1 Corinthians 12:27 - "You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."***

A white wooden church with a steeple is the central focus, set in a rural landscape with autumn foliage. A bright, ethereal light shines down from the sky onto the church's steeple. In the background, there are rolling hills, a forest, and several houses. To the left, there are dark wooden barns and a white fence. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

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A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, surrounded by trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow and orange. In the background, there are dark, forested mountains under a cloudy, overcast sky. A wooden dock extends into the water on the right side. The word "PRAYER" is overlaid in large, white, textured capital letters across the center of the image.

# PRAYER



# BENEDICTION

