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Part 22 | Malcolm Cox

Introduction

A new creation! I'm Malcolm Cox. Welcome to this series on 'A new creation'.

The premise of this series is that God is loving us and bringing us into spiritual character growth. Jesus is the inspiration for that spiritual character. We are being transformed into his likeness.

2 Corinthians 3.18

“And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.”

How does this happen? A key aspect is following Jesus and living as a disciple. Following Jesus changes us, and those changes help us follow him. Today, I have some thoughts on learning to love what Jesus loved.

Notice Who He Loved

He loved his disciples:

John 13.1

“Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.”

He loved the hurting:

John 11.33-36

“When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

“Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!””

Project: Skim a gospel and note who Jesus loved in word and deed.

Ask God to Help You

Ask God to help you love what Jesus loves.

1 John 5.14

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

It is often hard to love what Jesus loves because it demands something from us--time, money, and energy. However, with God's help, we can learn to love anything and anyone.

Go Where Love is Needed

Notice where love is needed and go there. Who do you know that is grieving, in pain, discouraged, angry, depressed, or anxious? Pray and visit them. Someone said that when we go to people in need, we will find Jesus there.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Who do you find hardest to love in your life right now? Is that the very place you will find Jesus?

Conclusion

God is transforming us with his love so that other people can feel his love through us. That is the essence of being a new creation.

Next time, we will explore laying down our lives for Jesus.

Your brother, Malcolm

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