

"And we know that all things work together for Good to them that love God, to them who are the Called according to His Purpose. For whom He Did Foreknow, He also Did Predestinate to be Conformed To The Image Of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren."
Romans 8:28-29 KJV

President McKinley's doctor said that he didn't believe politicians could ever be Christians, but after watching the President die, he changed his mind. Just as the statue is sculpted in the image of the living in the predetermined image of the sculptor's subject, believers are "*Predestined to be Conformed to the Image*" of Christ Jesus; but because He is the "*Living God*," our likeness of Him will be much more than a marble statue. As stone is to flesh, so our "*image*" will compare to the "*I AM*" of timeless Majesty. Variety may be the "*spice of life*," but unchanging character is its life's blood! "*Jesus Christ the Same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*" Think of the chaos that would ensue if sunrise was random and the moon's orbit erratic. The dependability of God's universe is vital to human existence. Even natural laws are God's Laws. God's Laws ARE His blessings! "*God Created man in His Own Image...and GOD BLESSED THEM, and...Said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it.'*" That sounds like a command to me! Notice, provision was already in place if they obeyed. So it is today. If we obey God, His Provision is already in place for our needs if we walk the Path of obedience. "*Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and ALL THESE THINGS shall be added unto you.*" When we walk our own way, we must provide for ourselves! Believers must stay on the Path of obedience to God's Word. David wrote, "*I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed (offspring) begging bread.*" Revival is repentance; the return to steadfast obedience. It should be a spontaneous attitude in every believer's daily life! "*If we confess (admit them to God and stop) our sins, He is faithful and Just to Forgive us our sins.*" The patient steadiness of daily Godliness keeps the Church, encourages the brethren, and reaches the unbeliever. You can't expect new believers to be fully mature overnight any more than you would a newborn to eat a steak. Continuance in obedience and separation from the world is the life blood of faith. Obedience to one command is the make-or-break line in the sand for believers. "*Quench not the Spirit.*" When the "*Spirit of Truth*" speaks Truth in your thoughts, do it! "*Happy are ye if ye DO them.*" Disobedience is unbelief, because "*faith without works is dead.*" Faith is directly proportional to obedience.



Conformed to Christ; oh can it be?
Clothed upon with Majesty,
Free with God Eternally,
In timeless Immortality! –CGP

It is "*by patient continuance in well doing*" that we "*seek for Glory and Honour and Immortality, Eternal Life.*" God Promises "*in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*" What will our harvest be? We can say with Paul, "*Henceforth there Is Laid Up for me a Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, Shall Give me at that Day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His Appearing.*" You are never alone. Jesus Promised, "*Lo, I Am with you Always.*" Your strength for the task is not your own "*for It Is God [the Holy Spirit] Which Worketh in you both to Will and to Do of His Good Pleasure.*" The steady pace wins the race.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He Shall Appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for we shall see Him as He Is. And every man that hath This Hope in him purifieth himself, even as He Is Pure." 1 John 3:2-3 KJV