

Our transformation through the Spirit

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2Co 3,15-4,1.3-6

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These very beautiful words by Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians fill up our heart of joy, gratitude, hope, happiness, because Saint Paul reminds us that, as God's children, we are inhabited by the Holy Spirit, we take part in Jesus' spiritual life and, through the mysterious action of the Spirit, if we are willing to, we can be transformed into Him.

And we all are being transformed into the same image, that is to say, the Holy Spirit wants to transform our existence, our mortal image into a spiritual, eternal image.

He wants our face to fit with the features of the face of Jesus, the son of God, obedient, humble, simple, loving.

The whole meaning of the Christian life is held in this goal, in this transformation of our being: from carnal being to spiritual being, from simply mundane creature to celestial creature.

They sound like big words, unreachable, unthinkable, unimaginable things, but they are the truth of our faith; we were baptized in Christ, we received His grace, His image, His spirit; the growth can only consist of the growth in this Spirit, who *transforms us from one degree of glory to another*.

Let today be a day of transformation of our being, in order for us to further and better move close to the image of Jesus, the Son of God.

Thanks be to God.