

Introduction: It's Morphing Time!

- What is "Morphing" anyway?
- Why do we all long to Morph?
- What does Spiritual Metamorphosis look like in real life?
 1. **Spiritual Birth** = Jesus becomes my Savior.
 2. **Spiritual Maturity** = Jesus becomes my Lord.
 3. **Spiritual Reproduction** = Jesus uses me to love others.
- Is Morphing for everyone?

There for if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

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The Call – Let Jesus Live His Life Through You

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Ephesians 4: 1(NIV)

The Process – Practice Sacrificial, Other-Centered Relationships

²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4: 2-3 (NIV)

The Reason – God’s Church Must Reflect His Character

⁴There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to one hope when you were called - ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4: 4-6 (NIV)

Three Reasons We Fail to Morph:

1. Spiritual _____.

Ephesians 4: 1

Our failure to understand our identity in Christ and how to appropriate grace destines us to the “try hard – do good – failure” syndrome.

- The Cause = Lack of _____.
- The Cure = Master the English _____.

2. Spiritual _____.

Ephesians 4: 2-3

Our failure to actively participate in in-depth, Christ-centered, honest relationships makes transformation impossible.

- The Cause = _____.
- The Cure = Join a _____.

3. Spiritual _____

Ephesians 4: 4-6

Our failure to see the magnitude of “what’s at stake” in our call to Christ-like behavior minimizes its importance and shatters our motivation.

- The Cause = Our Culture of _____.
- The Cure = Get a High View of _____.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the concept: “God created within each of us a desire to change, grow, and become more than we are today.”
2. In what areas of your life have you seen God “morph” you since becoming a Christian?
3. With which of the “**Three Reasons We Fail to Morph**” did you most closely identify? Explain your answer.
4. What specific step of faith could you take right now to allow God to transform your life to become like Him? When and how will you do that? Who or what might help you be successful?