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WE ARE... the church |

WE ARE TRANSFORMED INTO MATURITY

SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 4:10-16; MATTHEW 13:3-9;18-23

key theme: A key ingredient of a healthy, thriving church is that the people of God are growing into mature disciples of Christ.

- 1) Spiritual transformation means that we are being changed daily by the power of the Word of God until we fully reflect God's image in his Son.
- 2) The Spiritual transformation that God desires includes: [Ephesians 4:13]
 - a. WE ARE prepared for works of service
 - b. WE ARE unified in the faith and
 - c. WE ARE unified in the knowledge of the Son of God
 - d. WE ARE growing and building up one another in love
 - e. WE ARE each doing our part in the body of Christ.
- 3) In order to be spiritual transformed, we have to understand the nature of spiritual growth and put practical steps in place for each season of growth.
- 4) **Seed that is sown along the path.** a) Examine the claims and promises of Christ and how they are relevant to your life; and b) Develop a hunger and thirst for the satisfying provision of the Word of God
- 5) **Seed that falls along the rocky path.** a) Get connected in community to help encourage and strengthen you; b) Change your spiritual perspective; and c) Grow in the Word of God
- 6) **Seed that falls among the thorns.** a) Learn how to put the cares of the world in proper perspective. b) Use resources as an opportunity to worship God and to remain dependent on his faithfulness and provision; and c) Continually feed your spiritual man with proper spiritual food.
- 7) **Seed that falls among the good soil.** a) Examine whether fruit is continuing to growing in you; b) Continue to be watered and nurtured by the Word of God; c) Over the long-term, make sure that your appetites and desires are changing for the glory of God.

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