



## Galatians 4:19

Inner Change is the process of spiritual transformation.

*Spiritual transformation is the work of the Holy Spirit to transform us into the image of Jesus for the joy of God the Father. He does this in the context of Christian community as we walk along spiritual pathways.*

2005 NEWSWEEK Poll:

- 78% of Americans believe Jesus rose from the dead
- 75% say he was sent to Earth to absolve mankind of its sins
- 81% say they are Christians

(Jon Meacham, "From Jesus to Christ," *Newsweek* March 28, 2005)

We absolutely have to be right on who Jesus is.

God has chosen to reveal himself most vividly through God the Son, who is Jesus.

God the Father sent God the Son to make known the will of God. God the Holy Spirit works to glorify the Son. Jesus gets the focus and attention.

He is the kind of person we are becoming.  
He is the pattern of our transformation. (Romans 8:29)

Jesus is truly God and truly man.

"We confess that one and the same Christ, Lord, and only-begotten Son, is to be acknowledged in two natures without confusion, change, division, or separation."

Council of Chalcedon 451 AD

The Mormon Jesus

*BYU's FAQs about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

Question: What is the Latter-day saint's understanding of godhood?

*"All of God's children have within them a divine nature with the potential to become like him. To become more like God, individuals must gain increased light and truth and follow all the commandments that God has given."*

*“For Latter-day saints, the term “godhood” denotes a state in which one has all the divine attributes of God and participates in his eternal work.”*

*“The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints teaches that all resurrected and perfected mortals become gods.”*

<http://ldsfaq.byu.edu/view.asp?q=178>

We are being changed into the image of Jesus as truly man, not as truly God. (Philippians 2:5-11)

Jesus was exalted by God the Father, because of his humility and obedience on the cross.

Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection were accomplished in our place. He died and rose again to save us from our sin. (Matthew 1:21)

Jesus is first our Savior, the one who saves us from our sins. Then he becomes our example.

Transformation does not put us in a place where God will accept us. God accepts us by grace through Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection.

Jesus is the perfect example of being fully human, because he never sinned. (Hebrews 4:15)

## **What does this have to do with our transformation?**

Jesus is our example of how to live a fully human life of humility and obedience in a perfect relationship with God and other people.

- He is the pattern of perfect humanity.
- He is our example of moral character.
- He is the model for ethical behavior.

## **The HOLY SPIRIT is changing us to:**

- (1) Think like Jesus (the mind of Jesus)  
1 Cor. 2:16; Rom. 12:2
- (2) Feel like Jesus (the heart of Jesus)  
John 4:34
- (3) Love like Jesus (the attitude of Jesus)  
Phil 2:5; Matt. 5:43
- (4) Ultimately act like Jesus (the action of Jesus)  
John 15:12-1

