

Being Changed by the Holy Spirit!

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today. We are thrilled that you are here!

Sometimes multiple things happen in a short amount of time that jolt your heart and your spirit. They are the kinds of things that almost force you to reevaluate how you view something very specific because that one specific thing influences everything else. And that can be uncomfortable and yet comforting at the same time.

Quote from a sermon while in Arkansas last Sunday about the Holy Spirit's work in us – *“If you haven't changed (since you came to Christ), what's up with that veil you are wearing? You think you can force yourself to comply with some heavenly 'to do list', check it all off and earn your way? How's that going for you?”*

Quote from one of my sons on Tuesday – *“Church has become more of a business and an institution than the original purpose of coming*

together and worshiping and fellowshiping. Coming together as the broken people that we all are and laying it all on the table. Coming together to comfort each other and offer support. How do we get the focus back on Jesus?”

Quote from the movie “The Case for Christ” I watched on Thursday night. Lee Strobel says this about his wife after she gives her life to Jesus – *“Thing of it is, she's different. She's **actually different**. That's what scares the heck out of me.”*

Question (paraphrased) from my wife on multiple occasions – *“Wonder how God views what we are doing?”*

So what is the jolt to my heart and spirit? Have I, have you, has the church allowed the Holy Spirit to change us into the likeness of Jesus? Or are we trying to change the Holy Spirit into our likeness? I believe the results will be obvious if we are willing to see them. Lord, open our eyes!

All Things for Christ,
Michael