



Metamorphosis

# Metamorphosis:

- \* Noticeable or complete **change** of character, appearance or condition
- \* A change of the form or nature of a thing or person into a **completely different** one, by natural or supernatural means.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed** into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

**CHANGED** – From the Greek **METAMORPHOO**, which means transform, transfigure, change

**Romans 12:2** *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*





***Metamorphosis – Change - Transform***



We know that a caterpillar is short and stubby and has no wings at all. It goes through a series of molts – shedding its skin – then one day, stops eating, hangs upside down from a twig or leaf & either spins itself a cocoon or molts into a chrysalis. Within this protective casing, the old body parts of the caterpillar undergo a remarkable transformation – metamorphosis -- to become the beautiful parts that make up the butterfly that will emerge.

But what does that radical transformation entail?  
How does a caterpillar rearrange itself into a butterfly?  
What happens inside a chrysalis or cocoon?

For a caterpillar to turn into a butterfly, it digests itself, releasing enzymes to **dissolve** all of its tissues. Certain highly organized groups of cells known as imaginal discs survive the digestive process. These discs are composed of cells, much like stem cells, that will become the adult body parts of the mature butterfly.

But there is virtually **NOTHING**  
**left** of that caterpillar.

**Everything** in us has to be **consumed** by the Spirit of God until there is no flesh will to oppose the will of the Spirit or the will of God, because we would make shipwreck of the kingdom— just the same as Adam did. This time God is going to have a kingdom where we will rule and reign in righteousness. So, all of this Adam nature must be burned out of us as we **yield to the Spirit**. And it can only be done as God deals with us, and we are willing to put everything out of our lives.

**Jesus tasted death for all mankind that we would not have to die. We must first be **completely consumed** by the will of God's Spirit. The flesh being put to death – not dying as we know death, but that the flesh would have no will of its own.**



**Rev. 21:27** *And there shall in no wise enter into it (the city of God) any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

**This is not about being saved, but about that overcoming place where the Spirit **completely consumes** everything that is unlike God in order to bring us back into that realm where we live without facing death.**

Romans 6: 5-6 *For if we **All of us with Christ** have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, **This old sinful Adam nature is crucified.** The work is done by the **Holy Ghost.** that the body of sin might be destroyed, **When that is gone, you have nothing but life left.** that henceforth we should not serve sin.*

2 Corinthians 4:18-5:4

*While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were **dissolved**, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, **eternal in the heavens**. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, **that mortality might be swallowed up of life.***

