



# Same Same, but Different

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DIFFERENT FROM THE  
INSIDE OUT



# The Big Idea:

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When we allow the Spirit-quickened Word to transform our thinking, the difference will really matter.

# A few notes to get started...

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- I'm here to learn.
- I am not seeking to change what you do.
- Extra-biblical practices can be really, really helpful.



We are  
different  
– but why?

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# The Biblical Model: Transformation from the inside out

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Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

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And you were dead in your trespasses and sins in which you previously lived according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient. We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also.

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But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!

...For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.



# The Biblical Model: Transformation from the inside out

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“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It’s the smallest of all the seeds, but when grown, it’s taller than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come and nest in its branches.”

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“The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and mixed into fifty pounds of flour until all of it was leavened.”

# Other reasons we might be different

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Cultural conformity – we're accepted

The Psychological Drip – “Just in case” reasoning

The Slippery Slope – I might slide into something

The Emperor's Clothes – I'm afraid to investigate

My salvation is based on being different

# Why does it matter?

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Durability

Pass-on-ability

Joy

Pointing to Jesus



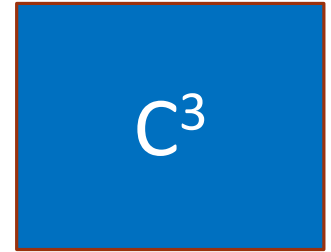
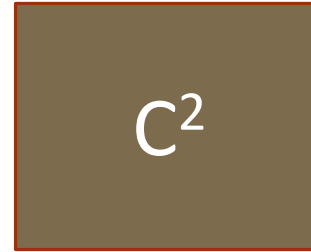
How do we ensure  
that “same same” is  
actually different?

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# Finding the genuine article

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1. Understand the Biblical principle
2. Delight in the Biblical principle
3. Be aware of my own culture



We pass on the Gospel  
We model what the Gospel  
looks like in our culture



# Questions for discussion

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What are core Biblical and Gospel practices that you would pass on to a new believer?

What are good – but “extrabiblical” – practices you don’t feel need to be practiced in general?

# Why do you practice...

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The headcovering?

Not serving in jury duty?

Not voting?

Women wearing skirts or dresses?

Adherence to church standards?