

It Won't Happen By Accident

January 15th, 2023

*For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. **Hebrews 10:14 NLT***

John Stott wrote, "In spite of our newness in Christ, holiness is **neither automatic nor inevitable.**"

Are we being shaped and informed by the scriptures?

Romans 12 - Paul gets practical

v1 - God's grace is the spring and foundation for our life

...should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? 2 Of course not!
... live under the freedom of God's grace **Romans 6:1-2, 14 NLT**

v2 - the call to nonconformity is not new

... You must not imitate their way of life...
if you obey my decrees and my regulations,
you will find life through them... **Leviticus 18:3-5 NLT**

"... transform..." - μεταμορφώω / metamorphoo

How would you like to be different? be better?

v9-18 - what a picture of love!

John Stott wrote, "Love is sincere, discerning, affectionate, and respectful. It is both enthusiastic and patient, both generous and hospitable, both benevolent and sympathetic. It is marked by both harmony and humility."

Our transformation requires intention and effort.

Jesus expects fruit / results and gets practical - **Matthew 25:14-46**

read & reflect on Romans 12 this week and ask the Holy Spirit you should grow in during this season.

READ TOGETHER IN 2023 **Read with our NTC Family** For 2023 we will read through the Bible together with a passage from the OT, a passage from the NT, and a Psalm or Proverb each day. Learn more on our website.

NEXT STEPS Will Resume in the February Would you like to learn more about our church and how to get connected? Next Steps is a four-week class offered during the message portion of our service.

TESTIMONIES Tell us what God is doing We would love to hear your testimonies - Please fill out a brief description on the connect card and put in offering basket or give to anyone on staff!

this week...

CROSS CURRENT Tonight at 6pm 7th-12th graders are invited to join in a service specifically for youth here at NTC!

PROPHETIC COMMUNITY GROUP Monday at 6pm Learn more about prophetic ministry and how we practice it here at NTC.

MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER Tomorrow at 7pm We will continue to gather together on Monday nights throughout January to pray together.

M.O.P.S. AND MOMSNEXT Thursday at 10am or 6pm Our Moms groups will be starting back up again meeting here every other Thursday.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY Friday at 9:30am Pray for our nation together every Friday morning here at the church.

WORSHIP NIGHT Friday at 7pm Join us this Friday for an evening of worship.

MENS BREAKFAST In Malone on January 21st at 9am Gather with men from across the north country at 57 Rennie St. this Saturday!

coming up....

UNITY SERVICE AND MEAL January 25th at 5pm Massena Churches are gathering together at the First United Methodist Church on Main Street for a meal and a service.

MARRIAGE MATTERS NIGHT February 10th at 7pm A couple's night featuring dessert, music, and encouraging message. Signup on the ChurchCenter App or our website. Childcare is available.

This Week's Prayer Points:

**Greg & Josh in Cali, Colombia for their launch service today!*

**Kayla Kesner back in Gulu - need for social worker there*

**Lawsuit against NTC & Living Hope Church to be settled/dismissed*

**More laborers for His harvest!*

**Pray for those with long standing health issues within congregation*

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