



Transformed by the Fire of the Holy Spirit

Part 2 of our Mission Statement

Talk on 5/31/2026

Review

- **The call by the Father's love has purpose:**
- For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (Romans 8:29 - NAB)
- ...you may come to share in the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4 - NAB)
- ...that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1 -NAB)

Are we there yet?

1 John 3:1 See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called **the children of God**. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

1. John says that we “MAY BE CALLED” indicating a future point of being God's children
2. Yet even now we are God's children.
3. But there is something not yet revealed, not complete
4. For who can completely imagine and understand now what it means that we will be like him
5. John declares this to be a hope for us though, is it your hope?

...transformation by the fire...

- **Over 450 references to fire in the OT**
- **Qualities of fire:**
 - intense
 - hot
 - destructive
 - light
 - purifying agent

What is the fire of the Holy Spirit?

- **The fire of the Holy Spirit is the Word of God arising out of the heart of God**
- The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire (Ps 29:7)
- Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him (Ps 18:8)
- The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire. (Ps 18:13)
- But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you (John 16:13-14)
- Out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks (Mt 12:34 and Luke 6:45)

How do I know if I am being transformed by the Holy Spirit?

- I am more concerned about engaging in the process of transformation rather than figuring out where I am in the process
- I am uncovering areas of sin in my life during quiet prayer in the presence of the Lord
- I am growing in the love of the brethren
- I am more concerned about seeking God's glory and grow in despising the glory that comes from man