



“As for me, I will behold Your face in righteousness, I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Your likeness.” Psalm 17:15

The yearning of every believer is to be like Jesus. He is the sum total of all our aspirations and longings. In Him is the heart’s true resting place. Men pursue the vanities of life in desperate search of this treasure, yet sadly many will never “awaken with Thy likeness.”

The ultimate awakening will be at the Resurrection, when we shall behold Him in all of His wonder and glory. “Beloved, now are we the children of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.” (1 John 3:2). For those who are born again, a most amazing transformation will take place at that Day. Because we bear His image, because His genetic code resides within us (1 Peter 1:23-35), His appearance will trigger the final redemptive act in our lives – “we shall be changed.” (1 Corinthians 15:51). No wonder the Second Appearing of Jesus is the believer’s “blessed hope”! (Titus 2:13). It is the metamorphosis of the temporal to the eternal – the natural to the supernatural!

Yes, that Day will be awesome, but it isn’t necessary for us to wait passively for our inner transformation to begin. Today you and I have the wonderful option of beholding Jesus Christ in His Word. He Who is the Eternal Word of God will work His nature and likeness into our lives as we submit ourselves to the Word of God’s authority. Yes, the Resurrection will be instantaneous, and today’s work seemingly small in comparison, yet the Word of God is working – and even on such a seemingly small scale that work is priceless.

“But whosoever looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues in it, not being a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.” (James 1:25).

“From glory to glory He’s changing me,  
Changing me, changing me.  
His likeness and image to perfect in me,  
The love of God shown to the world.”

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