

Mission!

You have heard the expression: "How much experience do you have?" There are some things that come to us only by experience. You may have perfect information about a given subject, but the **experience** gives understanding how to use the information given – a greater reality! So it is in our walk with Jesus. God does not want you to only have a mental awareness of His Presence, but to also experience all He has done for you. He wants you to **experience** His love, experience His power, experience His grace, experience His glory, experience His Kingdom! His blood was shed once, for all. And, because of the blood that was shed for you, the newness of His life is available to change every area of your life and being! Paul exhorts us this way in Galatians 4:19,

*"My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is **formed** in you."*

There is something which is being formed in you, not by your own works, not through your effort, but by the Spirit of God. The world, the flesh, and the devil, in fact, even your own mind and way of thinking wants to conform you – from the outside in. The world's system wants you to think a certain way and to do things a certain way. But God does things quite differently! He's not conforming you, but revealing a **form** that He has freely given to you, from the inside out! He wants you walking with Him. He wants you walking in His Kingdom! Can such a thing be possible? If God has said it, it must be so! Look at what Jesus prayed in John 17 for you:

"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them."

That same glory that Jesus walked in, He has given to you. Now He wants you to receive it; He wants you to experience it. Such an experience **forms** you! On this Missions Sunday at Gateway allow the Spirit of God to re-form you! Into His image, not our own. He's forming teams here, and you are a vital part of His Mission!

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