

## BECOME LIKE WHAT YOU WORSHIP

This is a biblical principle – you will become like what you worship. This is seen in Psalms 115 and 135, where the scripture is talking about idols. Even in the natural this is true. Have you seen children mimic their favorite sports idol and women dress like their favorite movie idol?

Psalm 115:4-8

*“Their idols are silver and gold, the work of man's hands.  
They have mouths, but they cannot speak; they have eyes, but they cannot see;  
They have ears, but they cannot hear; they have noses, but they cannot smell;  
They have hands, but they cannot feel; they have feet, but they cannot walk; they cannot make a sound with their throat.  
Those who make them will become like them, everyone who trusts in them.”*

In the New Testament, the New Covenant, this is also true. When we get saved, we will change, and this change is to make us look more like the Lord.

Romans 12:1-2

*“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, {which is} your spiritual service of worship.  
And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

The word transformed in the Greek, is *metamorphoo*, which literally means to go through a process of metamorphosis or a complete change that makes you totally different. This is what will happen if you let the Holy Spirit have His way – you will gradually change, so that you will no longer look like the world, but like Jesus; so your light can shine in the darkness (Matthew 5:16).

Jesus knew He was to look like His Father and said so to Philip:

John 14:9

*“Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been so long with you, and {yet} you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, ‘Show us the Father?’”*

Paul encouraged the Corinthians (and us) to imitate him as he imitates the Lord, that is, to look like Jesus, as Jesus looked like His Father.

1 Corinthians 11:1

*“Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.”*