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## TURN A CORNER!

The Bible talks a lot about transformations.

There are two Greek words, “mor-phe” and “skama,” both translated in various places in the New Testament “change,” “transfigure,” or “transform.” But they’re different.

“Mor-phe” means a deep change inside, a radical development from within. “Skama” means an outward, superficial change – like putting on different clothes.

Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration was “mor-phed” (Mt. 17) – changed into a figure of light by a process deep within Himself. Satan can be “skamaed” into a figure of light (2 Co. 11:14), putting on a disguise to fool you, like a Halloween costume.

*Now, here’s something wonderful.* When you see Jesus face to face and you’re made like Him, do you think that process will be “mor-phe” or “skama”? “Skama”!!

When you were born again, God says you were mor-phed – eternally changed, in a deep, radical process that made you a brand new creation (2 Co. 5:17), as new as some day the New Heavens and the New Earth (Rev. 21:1)! *You, Christian, are fundamentally more new now than you know!*

Now the only thing left to be done for heaven is to change our clothes: Christ “will *skama* our lowly bodies” (Php. 3:14)! We can’t wear our old duds to such a wedding, so in a flash the real Christian “we” will simply be “skamaed” (1 Co. 15:50-52)!

*Don’t be too discouraged over your daily struggles with your old nature.* God says the major job on you has already been done. You’re a radically new creation. You’re practically ready for heaven – you need just one last touch, your new outfit: your new body like His glorious body, and totally filled with Him! Halleluia!

Pray that into your mind and life. You’ll have turned a corner!