

BECOMING LIKE JESUS



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1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Becoming like Jesus is to take in and study the life of Christ, meditate on it, and practice in every way to bring our own lives into conformity with his teachings, which are not burdensome.

- The alternative is burdensome, and we're badly in need of Jesus' help.
- Faith in Jesus does the heavy lifting of transforming our identities.
- Our transformed identities find unburdened expression in God's command of love.

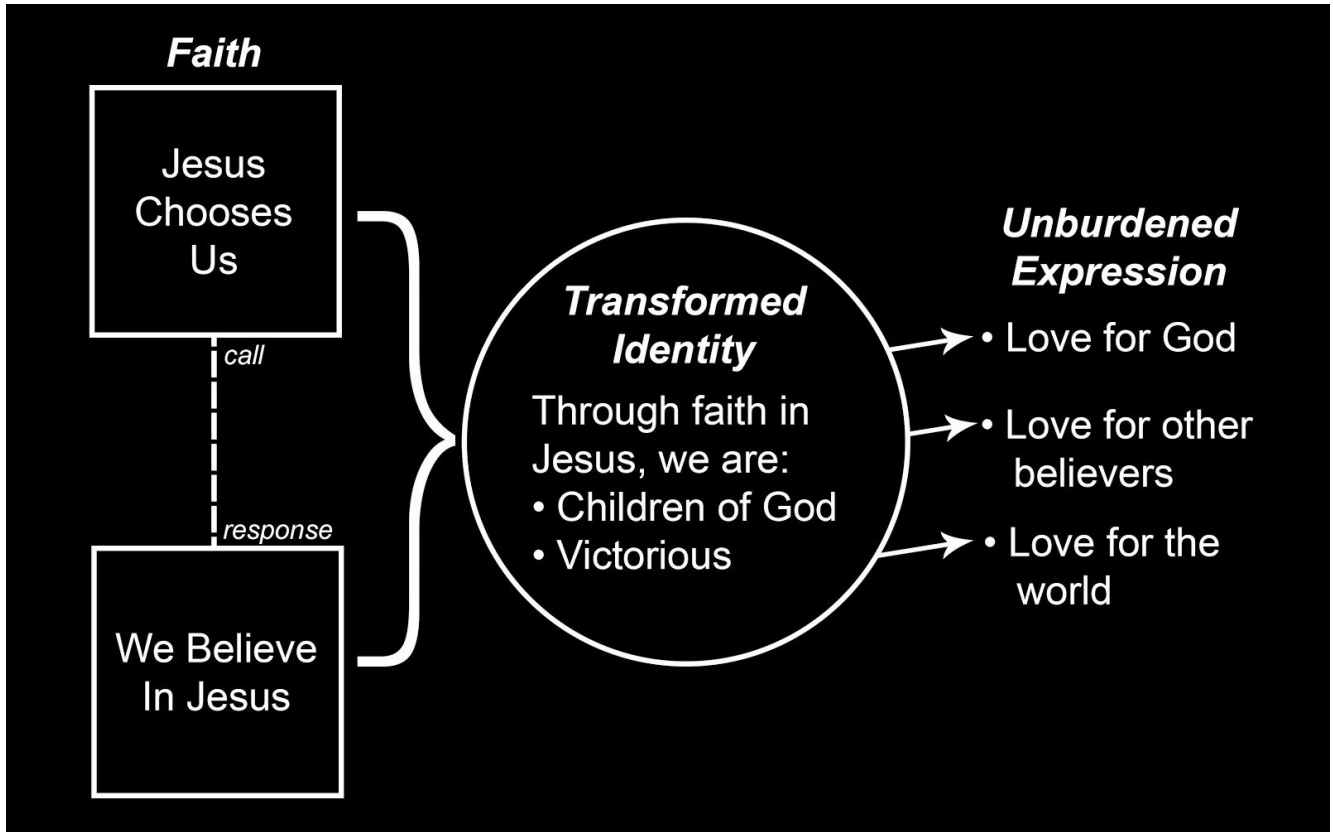
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Matthew 11:28-30

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Through faith in Jesus, we have transformed identities that find unburdened expression in God's command to love.

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