

**Being Christian:  
What Difference Does God Make?  
What Are Your Expectations?**



“My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.”-Gal. 4: 19.

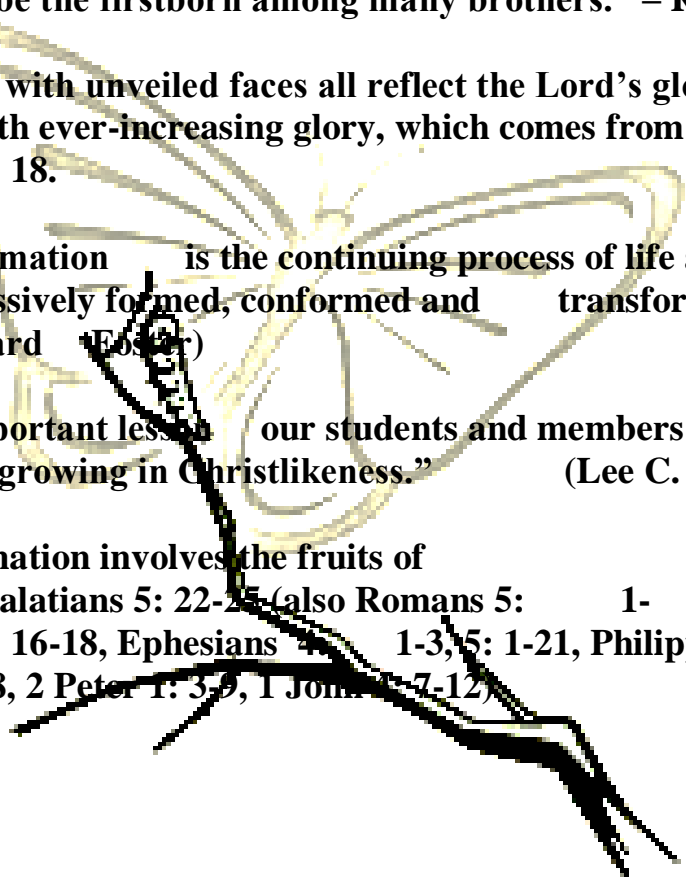
“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.” – Romans 8: 29.

“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” – 2 Corinthians 3: 18.

“Spiritual Formation is the continuing process of life and experience through which we are progressively formed, conformed and transformed into the image of Jesus Christ” (Richard Foster)

“The most important lesson our students and members can learn . . . is walking with God and growing in Christlikeness.” (Lee C. Wanak)

Spiritual Formation involves the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5: 22-25 (also Romans 5: 1- 8, 8: 1-39, 12: 1-21, 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18, Ephesians 4: 1-3, 5: 1-21, Philippians 4: 4-8, Colossians 3: 16-17, James 3: 13-18, 2 Peter 1: 3-9, 1 John 1: 7-12)



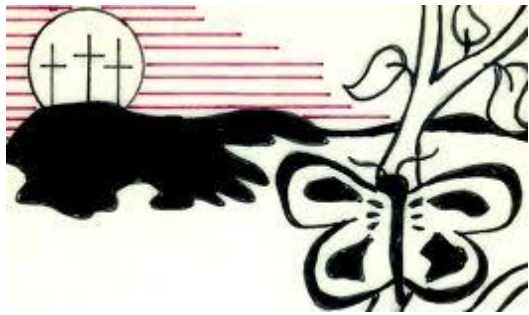
## False Expectations of Christian Spirituality:

- Legalistic – tries to judge spirituality by certain outward standards.
- Libertine – takes freedom of Christ to the extreme – “Sin more that grace may abound.”
- Self-affirming – emphasizes redemption (I’m OK, You’re OK) without recognition of sin.
- Self-denigrating – focuses on personal sin and worthlessness.
- Materialistic – identifies spirituality with either poverty or wealth.

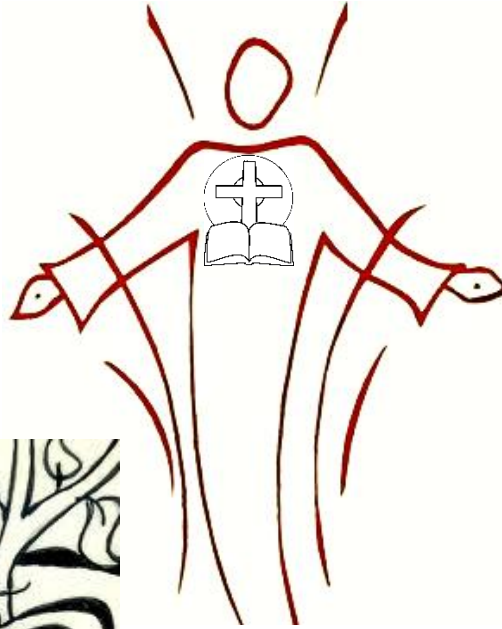
## Christian spirituality is encompassing. It is:

1. **Intellectual:** what is honor Jesus Christ? What

2. **Emotional:** Are being? Are we able to indirectly?



older than you did as a young person?



strictly from book learning?

5. **Volitional:** Do you desire different things now that your

## multidimensional and all-

your thought life like? Does it is your level of understanding?

feelings circumstantial or states of directly change our feelings or

3. **Behavioral:** Are you your body or aren't you.

4. **Relational:** Would you see a Physician who got his degree