



# Catalyst

The background features a dark red, textured surface with a repeating pattern of faint, light blue chemical structures and reaction schemes. These include various organic molecules such as substituted benzenes, alcohols, and complex polycyclic systems, along with chemical equations involving reagents like  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{AcOH}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

**I desire mercy,  
not sacrifice!**

*Do not conform to the pattern of  
this world, but be transformed by  
the renewing of your mind.*

*Romans 12:2a (NIV84)*

The background of the slide features a dark red and blue color scheme. It is overlaid with a faint, repeating pattern of hexagons. Scattered throughout this pattern are various chemical structures, including organic molecules with rings, functional groups like hydroxyl (-OH) and amino (-NH2), and some inorganic or coordination-like structures. The text is centered and rendered in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**How would you describe  
“Spiritual Transformation”  
to someone outside of the  
church?**

*Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women,*

*he might take them as prisoners  
to Jerusalem. As he neared  
Damascus on his journey,  
suddenly a light from heaven  
flashed around him. He fell to the  
ground and heard a voice say to  
him, "Saul, Saul, why do you  
persecute me?"*

*“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.*

*“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”*

*The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.*

*For three days he was blind, and  
did not eat or drink anything.*

*Acts 9:1-7 (NIV)*

*To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am*

*not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.*

*I do all this for the sake of the  
gospel, that I may share in its  
blessings.*

*1 Corinthians 9:21-23 (NIV)*

*If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church;*

*as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,*

*for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes*

*from God on the basis of faith. I  
want to know Christ—yes, to  
know the power of his  
resurrection and participation in  
his sufferings, becoming like him  
in his death, and so, somehow,  
attaining to the resurrection from  
the dead.*

*Philippians 3:2-11 (NIV)*

*May I never boast except in the  
cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through which the world has been  
crucified to me, and I to the  
world. Neither circumcision nor  
uncircumcision means anything;  
what counts is the new creation.*

*Galatians 6:14-15 (NIV)*

**Jesus is the catalyst that  
transforms the heart  
of those he loves!**

