



## *Transformation*

### *Theology*

At Sugar Grove Church of Christ, we believe that God's perfect design of creation has been disrupted by sin.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, a disciple is someone who was dead in their sin, but by God's grace, gospel, leads us into the process of God recreating our life as we submit to His will, which is the has been saved through faith and declared sanctified by God.<sup>2</sup> This saving, which is the power of the purpose of the gospel.<sup>3</sup> As we walk in the works he has prepared for us, empowered by the Holy Spirit, a disciple will continually be transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ.<sup>4</sup> Further, this transformation will push the disciple deeper into the community which God is continually forming.<sup>5</sup>

1. Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 8:20-21
2. John 17:7; 1st Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 2:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Titus 2:14
3. Romans 6:19, 8:3-4, 13; 2nd Corinthians 3:18, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; 1st Peter 1:2; Jude 24-25
4. Matthew 5:48; Ephesians 2:10, Hebrews 2:11
5. 1st Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:7-15; Hebrews 10:24-25

### *Philosophy*

In response to the cross and through the gifting of the Holy Spirit, the elders of Sugar Grove Church of Christ affirm the calling to be a place of transformation where members are consistently encouraged to walk in the good works God has prepared for them.

### *Practice*

At Sugar Grove Church of Christ, we will honor God by consistently encouraging disciples to live lives that reflect the reign and rule of Jesus as they submit to God's will. We will honor our neighbor by meeting them where they are, remembering that everyone has a next step.