**Conformed to the Image of Christ Jesus our Lord –**

James\_4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. – *To submit means:* to yield our members as instruments of righteousness. to be subordinate; reflexively to obey: - be under obedience (obedient), to put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection (to, under), submit self-unto.

If someone asked you why you are a Christian, what will you say?

* The Answer to this question should be along the lines of … I understand who God is and I know what His Word tells me about me and I know I need His Help, grace and mercy every day, and because of His promises to save those to the uttermost, Hebrews 7:25 – I fear God and Submit to His Lordship as the Head, Ephesians 4:15, over my life, my thoughts, my ways, my present and my future.

So the question God is asking us, Are you ready? Do you know, Why God has put us here?

**To be conformed to the image of Jesus!**

* Rom 8:28  And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
* Rom 8:29  For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
* Rom 8:30  Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

In The Heidelberg Catechism of 1563 –was a Protestant confessional document to teach new believers young and old bible doctrine.

**Q&A #1 Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?**

A. That I am not my own1, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death2—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.3

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,4 and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.5 He also watches over me in such a way6 that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;7 in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.8 -Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life9 and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.10

**#1 1 Cor. 6:19-20** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

* How can we glory God? God owns everthing and needs nothing from us, how can we glorify God, with what?
* We see how what Paul means in Romans 14:7-9,

**#2 Rom. 14:7-9 – How does God want His people to live?**

**-**For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living

- God is causing us to live for Him, every day.

**#3 1 Cor. 3:23 Who are we?; Titus 2:14 what type of people are we?**

* 1Co 3:23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.
* Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.
* How should we be peculiar in this world since now we belong to God?

**#4 1 Pet. 1:18-19; What was my sins redeemed by? 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2 - what do we walk in? Who was the sacrifice for our sins?**

* What type of example to live did Jesus give us?

 **#5 John 8:34-36 What are we free from?; Heb. 2:14-15 What did Jesus destroy? ; 1 John 3:1-11 –What has God called us to do and not do?**

**#6 John 6:39-40; 10:27-30 What will God lose? ; 2 Thess. 3:3 What will the Lord keep us from?; 1 Pet. 1:5 How does the Lord keep us?-**

**#7 Matt. 10:29-31 What is the value of God’s people? ; Luke 21:16-18 What will God keep from perishing?**

**#8 Rom. 8:28 - How do all things turn out and why?**

**#9 Rom. 8:15-16 What type of Spirit do we have? ; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5 How has God sealed us? ; Eph. 1:13-14 - What is an earnest/guarantee?**

**#10 Rom. 8:1-17 – What do we stand before God now?**

**Q&A2 Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort? A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are;1 second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;2 third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.3**

**1 Rom. 3:9-10 ; 1 John 1:10 - What are we?**

 **2 John 17:3; Acts 4:12; 10:43 -Who is Jesus and what has He given us by grace?**

 **3 Matt. 5:16; Rom. 6:13; Eph. 5:8-10; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:9-10 – How are we to live?**