

Frogs To Princes:

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1 John 3:1-10

THE PASSAGE:

From Frogs to Princes (1 John 3:1)

We've been **kissed by God!** The **curse** has been broken.
Ephesians 2:1-5/ Colossians 1:12-15/ John 1:10-13

Don't expect the frogs to **celebrate** or **understand**.
John 15:18-21/ 1 Peter 4:12-14/ 2 Corinthians 4:4/ John 3:19-21 & 1 John 5:19-20

The Best Is Yet To Come (1 John 3:2-3)

The most amazing thing about heaven is not what we'll **get**.
It's what we'll **become**. Matthew 6:19-20/ Revelation 21:3-5/ John 14:1-3
Romans 8:17-18/ 1 John 3:2/ 2 Corinthians 3:18/ 2 Thessalonians 2:14-15

The Biggest Difference Between A Frog and A Prince (1 John 3:4-10)

Frogs **continue in sin**.
A prince has the **desire** and **power** to fight it off.
John 3:19-21/ Romans 1:18-32 & 2 Peter 2:20-21/ John 1:29 & Philippians 2:12-13

A CLOSER LOOK AT . . .

The IRRATIONALITY of God's Love

He died for us when we **didn't want it** or **deserve it**.
Romans 5:6-8 & Colossians 2:13-14/ 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

He knew full well that some of us would **turn our back on it**.
1 John 2:2/ John 1:10-13

This Week's TELLING QUESTION

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Overcoming sin is a life-long **process** and **battle**.
Romans 7:18-25

We have been given **everything we need**.
2 Peter 1:3-4/ 1 Corinthians 10:13

We have to be willing to **do our part**.
2 Peter 1:5-11

TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking back at this week's teaching and study, is there anything important for you to remember in living out a changed life for Jesus?

2. Is there any "excuse" or "battle" you need prayer for?

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – OPERATION HOPE

Please keep in mind there are still plenty of ways to serve our partner organizations beyond the Weekend of Service. **Operation Hope** is Vista's temporary winter shelter for homeless families. Sign up your Growth Group to provide a meal for them on a Thursday night. Check out **Operation Hope** on our website at www.northcoastchurch.com/service.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of February 4, 2007

This week we heard how, as a follower of Christ, God wants to change us from frogs to princes. Looking back at this week's teaching, was there an idea, verse or statement that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Some people anxiously look forward to going to heaven someday, while others know it will be a great place, but don't want heaven to happen too soon. Which perspective do you lean toward?

2. What was your response when you heard God has given you everything you need?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This week we're going to do a case study on the 12 Apostles and how they were changed as they followed Jesus. As you read the snapshots of the disciples' lives in the Scriptures below, write down what they reveal about their growth and God's work in their lives?

Matthew 4:18-22

Matthew 8:23-27

Matthew 10:1

John 16:12

Matthew 26:36, 40-47, 55-56

Acts 5:27-29, 41

2. We also saw in this week's teaching that we have a part in cooperating with God to allow change to happen. From these verses, write down the tools God gives us to help in the growth process and then answer the questions below.

John 16:13

Hebrews 4:12

Hebrews 10:24, 25

2 Timothy 2:22

Have you seen God use these tools in your growth process? If so, how and when?

What could be the result of focusing on just one and neglecting the others?

3. Part of the transformation process that happens when we become a follower of Jesus is that God's Spirit begins to develop godly character in us. 2 Peter 1:5-9 gives us a picture of what those character qualities look like and a command to build them into our lives.

How do verses 8 and 9 affect your motivation to put these qualities into action?

As you read the list, have you ever sensed God's Spirit directing you to develop one of these character qualities?