

Welcome: We would like to welcome you here today for our worship service with our sermon series called “Living the Transformed Life.” Our sermon today is called “**God Sets Us Apart for His Use.**” Our sermon text is Acts 13:1-12. Note" the messages each week are also available on podcast from the church web page www.lightofchristwi.org

Sermon Outline

1. When we surrender to the living God he begins to transform us and when he does it changes our priorities. How does the Lord change our priorities? What takes place in our heart? What priorities is the Lord calling you to change?

2. As we are being transformed along our journey of faith the Lord uses us to spread the good news to others. What is it about transformation that we want to tell others about Jesus?

3. As we go through the transformation process and join Jesus on his mission in the world we are going to meet spiritual opposition. Have you experienced that in your faith journey...how did you handle it? *2 Chronicles 7:14 says, “Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.”*

4. Ephesians 6:10-12 written by the Apostle Paul about putting on the full armor of God. *A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.* What is the Lord telling you in this verse?

5. Transformed lives begin with the gospel message of Christ, for in it is the power of God. Paul said, *“For the message of the cross [the gospel] is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18).* In speaking of Jesus, the apostle Peter, empowered by the Holy Spirit, boldly declared this truth: *“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).* What are these verses saying to you?

6. Sermon Mediation – What is the Lord telling you today? What is challenging about what the Lord is telling you? Why is it challenging? What would He like you to do about what He has communicated with you today?
