

Metamorphosis (*metamorphoo*) – “to transform, to change, or to be transformed or changed”

“This is a biological process by which an animal physically develops after birth, involving a conspicuous and relatively abrupt change in the animal’s body structure. Metamorphosis is usually accompanied by a change of habitat or behavior.”

A butterfly starts as a caterpillar, born from an egg.



The caterpillar, upon hatching, must eat tender things constantly to survive. | Peter 2:2 says, “*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.*” In John 6:51, Jesus said, “*I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever.*”



There comes a day when that caterpillar must die, in a manner of speaking. In order to go on to final maturity, the caterpillar must enter the pupa stage. This is known as a stage of “rest” Matthew 11:29-30 says, “*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*” Hebrews 4:9-10 says, “*There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.*”



Diligence and preparation on the part of the caterpillar are needed to enter this stage. *“Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest...”* (Hebrews 4:11)



The final stage is that of the adult stage. A genuine transformation and newness of life is evident. **Romans 6:4** says, *“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”*



Yet, the butterfly is just as fragile, if not more so, now that it is in this mature stage. Its beauty is truly a miracle given by its Creator. All the “old things” have truly passed away. There is not only life, but there is an abundant, soaring life. Oh what a wonderful lesson we learn from the butterfly, and may we ever realize that any and all beauty in us is Christ's!