He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8) God does not change, His law does not change.

St. Paul tells us that the law of our new life in Christ Jesus has freed us from the law of sin and of death. (Romans 8:2) This law is called the perfect law of liberty. (James 1:25) To those who have received Christ, they are become the sons of God, born not of blood, not of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man - they are born of God. (John 1:13) We are told that as an example of the incredible love of the Father bestowed upon us, we are permitted to be called the children of God. And so we are! Beloved, we are even here and now God's children; it is not yet made clear what we shall be hereafter - but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He really is. (I John 3:1-2)

Nicodemus was a natural, non-spiritual, carnally minded unborn again, Adamic, lost, and dead, human being, just as we all are before we receive Christ. Spiritual birth does not come about through rituals, traditions, or the ideas and formulations of men. Spiritual birth comes about through regeneration through the Word and the Spirit of God, entering one's life through personal invitation and conception. The divine conception brings about NEWNESS of life and freedom from death.

St. Paul informs us that the carnal mind (the Adamic), the natural status of man, is death, not will be or might be but is. (Romans 8:6) He then tells us that the Spiritual mind is life and peace. The natural psychosomatic man is part of the death system. The spiritual LPS man has entered into the eternal life and peace system.

Our transformation is in process. Our transformation includes healing and regeneration of the physical and mental aspects of life.

Be not conformed to this world but,

Be (this is passive tense, i.e.: allow God's Spirit to change you.) transformed by the entire renewal of your minds. (Romans 12:1,2)

Transforming oneself is satanic. Examples are Transcendental Meditation, Far Eastern religions, ESP, New Age ideas, and Holism.
This is not a modification of the mind but a total renewal of the whole mind, which includes the memories, the subconscious mind, the intellect, the reasoning processes, the sensory and motor functions, the neurohumoral functions and in fact - every aspect of intra-calvarial physiology.

It is my conviction that much of what is wrong with modern man has to do with the fact that he has been trying to live his life, practice medicine, teach, and even to preach, to live as a Christian, a Jew, or whatever religion on the psychosomatic level excluding God's Spirit. This is the reason that longevity expectation has decreased in the recent past (when one calculates abortions into the equation). Health is a product of the harmony of spirit, soul, and body under the influence and control of the Holy Spirit. W.H. Auden, in his poem, "The Art of Healing" states: "Every sickness is a musical problem, so said Novalis, and every cure a musical solution."

Disease is disharmony. The music of life is a trio - beautiful, harmonious, in tune. Keep your heart in tune. Sing in the Spirit. Allow your inter and intra cellular communication be harmonious singing. Let God's light illumine and harmonize your Spirit, soul, and body, producing health and healing of acquired illness.

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