When Change Is Good

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INTRODUCTION

- In spite of that, some people do indeed change. And you and I need to be some of those people.
- There is one statement that we must absolutely realize, and that is that truth does not change.

1 Repentance: A Change of Heart

Acts 2:36–38; 2 Corinthians 7:9–11; 2 Timothy 3:5

- Repentance speaks to the need of change. Christianity without change is not Christianity at all.
- Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.
- It is a change of heart about the way one has acted or conducted himself or herself or the way one has thought. It is a change of heart that then leads to some real changes in your conduct.
- It's going to change the way you think. It's going to change your affections. It is going to change your behavior.

2 Ongoing Spiritual Growth

Hebrews 5:12–14

- Our repentance at the outset, at the beginning of our confession of faith in Jesus Christ and our immersion into Him, is just the beginning.
- By this time, you ought to be teachers. So more change should have occurred from that initial change.
- Solid food is for the mature who have had their senses trained to discern between good and evil.

3 Transformation Into the Very Likeness of Jesus

Ephesians 4:15; 2 Corinthians 3:18

- We grow up into all aspects, into him who is the head, even Jesus Christ. Change continues. What kind of change is it? It is a transformation into the very likeness of Jesus.
- We behold in the mirror the glory of the Lord, and we are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory.
- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- One clear indication that we are being transformed into the likeness of Christ is how we use our tongues.

4 Assemblies Are a Conduit Unto Change

- I'll tell you what else these assemblies do and what my teaching is designed to do and what I hope this sermon does for everyone here. It is a conduit unto change.
- We become complacent with how much we've grown and how much we've changed in the past, and we begin to think it's enough.
- It's ongoing change. Don't get stuck in a rut of doing the same thing the same way all the time.

5 Christ Is Going to Be Magnified in My Life

Philippians 1:20–21; Ephesians 6:18

- Number one, Christ is going to be magnified in my life.
- For to me to live is Christ, I have been redeemed unto him. I will magnify Christ in my body.
- Let's pray to him that we might experience this change that he desires in us. Let us invoke his help and assistance.
- Would you pray specifically that the Lord will help you to change in the areas and in the ways that you must change.

6 Change in the Local Church

- Not only must we undergo personal spiritual change, but that's going to involve, as we change, a change in the local church of which we are a part.
- Change is good. As long as truth is not compromised. Change, doing things better, doing things more efficiently.
- Finding more efficient ways of serving the Lord and encouraging others. That's going to require change.
- All of that change is a part of the personal change that we're undergoing. Embrace it.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you responded to the message of salvation that can change your heart and your life? Or are you stuck in a rut?

MY NOTES