

“Change” Is Not A Four Letter Word

(Matthew 18:3)

- Introduction:
1. Due to abuses by some brethren, “change” has gotten a bad rap in the past few years.
 2. Of course, there are some things that do not or should not change.
 - a. God (Malachi 3:6; James 1:17).
 - b. Jesus (Hebrews 13:8).
 - c. God’s word (Matthew 24:35; 2 Thessalonians 2:15).
 3. While some things remain constant, there must be change if we are to be saved (Matthew 18:3).
 4. Let’s look at some necessary changes.

I. A Change In Thinking

- A. (Luke 23:39-43) The thief on the cross.
- B. (Romans 6:21) Ashamed of past.
- C. (Romans 12:3).
- D. (1 Corinthians 13:5; Philippians 4:8).

II. A Change In State

- A. (Colossians 1:13) Kingdom of darkness to kingdom of His Son.
- B. (1 John 3:14) Passed from death to life.
- C. (2 Corinthians 5:17) A new creation.
- D. (Ephesians 2:1-3; Ephesians 1:3-11) Children of wrath -vs- adopted children of God.

III. A Change In Conduct

- A. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).
- B. (Titus 2:11-12) Grace demands godly living.
- C. (1 Peter 4:4) Your change in conduct is noticeable.
- D. (Galatians 2:21) Christ lives in us.
- E. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) Your life belongs to God.

IV. A Change In Destiny

- A. (Ephesians 2:12) Once without hope.
- B. (Romans 2:5-9).
- C. (Romans 6:23).

- Conclusion:
1. If you are willing to change your thinking and your conduct, God will do His part and change your state and your destiny.
 2. Have you undergone the necessary changes that will allow God to make His changes?