Making Radical Change

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INTRODUCTION

- When you look in the Bible, though, all of God's great figures change in their lives.
- And in reality, what all of us are called to do is to change.

1 What Does It Mean to Be Saved?

Matthew 26:28; Acts 2:38

- What does it mean when we say that we are saved?
- And so salvation is tied with the forgiveness of sin. And so if you answer that, then yes. But I ask you, is that all?
- It wasn't just that your wrongs were forgiven. It wasn't just that you had the slate wiped clean that you could go and mess up again.

2 You Were Dead, but He Made Us Alive

Ephesians 2:1–7

- And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world.
- Yes, we needed forgiveness, but we had changed. We had become something God did not create us as.
- We were dead in our transgressions, but he made us alive. He changed everything.
- God made you alive. God united you with his Son, His Son who now rules over all, and you rule with Him.

3 Without God, Now a Temple of God

Ephesians 2:11–12; Ephesians 2:13–22

- You were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers of the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- But now in Christ Jesus, you who were formerly were far off, have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- We become a temple of God, a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.
- If you and I are ever going to make any change in our life, we've got to be smitten with that fact.

4 Walk No Longer as the Gentiles Walk

Ephesians 4:17–24; 2 Peter 1:4–7

- This I say, and affirm together with the Lord that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk in the futility of their mind.
- If God changed you so completely, now it's time for that change to be seen in your life.

- You didn't learn Christ this way.
- That's the purpose of what God has done for us in Christ. It's to make us new. Not just blot out the old, make us new.

5 The Radical Changes They Should Make

Ephesians 4:25–26; Ephesians 4:28–29; Ephesians 4:31–32

- If there's going to be any motivation for me to make any of the changes in my life, then I've got to care. And God's given me every reason to care.
- Laying aside falsehood. Speak truth, each one of you with his neighbor. For we are members of one another.
- He who steals must steal no longer. But rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good. So you have something to share with one who has need.
- Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth. But only such a word as is good for edification.
- Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

6 A Standard of Morality Must Change

Ephesians 5:1–5; Ephesians 5:8–14; Ephesians 5:15–21

- Therefore, we'll be imitators of God, his beloved children.
- The point of the scriptures, the point of his will, of his law has always been help them be like me.
- For you were formerly darkness. Now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.
- Transform how you use your time. Make a change.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you trust your God that much that when you submit to his will and follow him, your God will keep every one of his promises to you?**

MY NOTES