The Changes Jesus Made In Me

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INTRODUCTION

- One of the buzzwords that's been going around, not only this election, last election, and really any election, is the word change.
- What I want to talk about this morning is change. The most important change that could ever occur in your life or in my life, and it has nothing to do with politics.

1 I Was Once in Sin and Separated From God

1 John 3:4; Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:5–6

- If I were to describe myself to you in my former days, I would say to you that I was once in sin. Truly, we could all say that we were once in sin.
- Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.
- If I was ever outside of the law, I was in lawlessness, and therefore I was in sin.
- Because of that sin, I was also therefore separated from God.

2 Dead, Lost, Poor and in Bondage

Romans 6:23; Isaiah 53:6; Matthew 25:41

- Because I was separated from God, I was removed from the source of life. And I was dead.
- All of us, like sheep, have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way.
- You can have everything in this world, but if you forfeited your soul, what have you got?
- Sold in bondage. Unable to redeem yourself, unable to pay enough to your master now for him to let you go. No, you're a slave to it.
- Depart from me, accursed ones, and to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.

3 In Christ He Died for My Sin and Reconciled Me

1 Corinthians 15:3–4; Colossians 1:19–22

- In Christ, I could say, and you could say that things begin to change. Now, instead of in sin, I can glory in the fact that he died for my sin.
- Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.
- It was his good pleasure that in Christ I could be reconciled back to him. I was not doomed forever to be apart from my God.
- I sinned, but Christ died for my sins.

4 Once Dead, Made Alive; Once Lost, Found

Luke 7:11–15; Ephesians 2:1–6; Luke 15:1–2

- Young man, I say to you, arise. The dead man sat up and began to speak. Jesus conquers death.
- Even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ.
- I was once dead. But he changed me. He made me alive. I was once lost, and that I had departed from God myself, but he came and he found me.
- He associated with the tax collectors and the sinners because he came seeking them. And he came seeking us all.

5 Made Rich, Set Free, Given Hope

2 Corinthians 8:9; 1 Peter 1:18–19; Matthew 25:34

- Though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.
- We were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
- He freed me. I'm not enslaved to sin.
- Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Brethren, that's the change. That's the change that's only available in Christ Jesus.

6 Live Thankful, Worshipful, Confessing, Loving, Obeying Him

Colossians 3:15–17; Romans 12:1; Luke 12:8

- Regardless of whatever may happen to me, I ought to be thankful to my God.
- Live your life in honor of the one who gave his son for you.
- If He offers me this kind of change, then I ought to change for him. I ought to live a life thankful, worshipful, confessing him, loving him, and obeying him.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you have faith in him? To know that what you really need, God and God alone can provide, and he will provide to you if you'll respond to him in faith.

MY NOTES