

LESSON 2: You Can Change Biblically (Part 2)

Since God has graciously provided everything that is necessary for you to live a life pleasing to Him, you are to depend solely on His power, plan, and resources to accomplish His purposes in your life.

After you receive salvation by God's grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, your growth in Christ and fitness to help other biblically will be in proportion to your faithfulness in biblically examining yourself and applying God's truths to your life.

Principle #2: You are to establish a biblical pattern of life – you are to be rooted, built up, and established in the Lord Jesus Christ and not confronted to the world. You must practice God's Word to grow into maturity.

Principle #3: You are to prepare yourself to help others – practicing God's Word begins with judging yourself and removing sinful obstructions from your own life. Then, you have the privilege and responsibility of restoring others to victorious living.

A Biblical Theology of Sanctification

The greek word, *hagiazō*, means to be set apart for God's own use.

You were set apart by God at the moment of salvation = positional sanctification

You are being set apart by God as you continue to grow in Christ-likeness = progressive sanctification

CAUTION: If you confuse positional & progressive sanctification you will end up in licentiousness or legalism (neither of these pitfalls glorifies God in anyway).

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU EVERYTHING NECESSARY FOR CHANGE

TRUTH #1: God has given you _____ you need to make the changes in your life that will please Him and will lead to His blessings.

- A. God has given you His Word - **2 Peter 1:3-4 & 19**
- B. God has revealed Christ in the Word - **John 14:26**
- C. God has given you the _____ if you are in Christ - **John 14:15-17**

QUESTION: What does your _____ want in order to change?

TRUTH #2: The process of lasting biblical change begins when you are _____ (i.e. - when you repent & believe the Gospel).

A. You have a different relationship with God

You are no longer _____ towards God - **Ephesians 2:1-2**

You are no longer under God's wrath BUT you have been declared righteous by faith in Christ Jesus - **Romans 3:21-22**

You are at peace with God - **Romans 5:1**

B. You have a different view of _____

You are an adopted child of the Creator God - **Ephesians 1:4-5**

You are a recipient of God's gracious, sovereign, electing love - **John 10:28**

You are a new _____ in Christ Jesus - **2 Corinthians 5:17**

You are no longer a slave to sin BUT a slave to _____ - **Romans 6:6**

C. You have a different view of others

You are free to love others from a pure heart - **1 Peter 1:22**

You are no longer _____ for your problems - **James 4:1**

D. You have a different view of your problems

Your kind Father uses trials and problems to form Christ-likeness in you - **James 1:2-4**

Your kind Father will enable you to handle any problem that comes into your life - **1 Corinthians 10:13**

Your kind Father will work in every difficulty for your _____ and His glory as you walk in His ways - **Romans 5:3-5**

TRUTH #3: After your conversion to Jesus, you are able to change biblically because of God's divine power that is now available to you.

A. God, the Holy Spirit, is in you and with you and for you - **Romans 8:9**

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- B. God's Word is _____ to change you and to provide counsel for you in every situation that life brings - **1 Thessalonians 2:13 & Hebrews 4:12**
- C. You are no longer bound to rely on the wisdom of this world - which is _____, _____, and _____ - **1 Corinthians 3:19; Isaiah 55:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:25**
- D. Jesus Christ will remain with you to sustain you, care for you, defend you, and intercede for you - **Matthew 28:20**

TRUTH #4: After your conversion to Jesus, you can change biblically because God gives you a different purpose for living.

- A. You are now _____ to worship & serve the living God - **John 4:23-24**
- B. As a responsible member of God's family - you are to give glory to God in all things - **Psalms 115:1**
- C. You once _____ in sin, but now you delight in righteousness - **Romans 6:16-18**
- D. You once lived for yourself, but now you delight in dying to yourself - **Matthew 10:38**
- E. You are now eager to demonstrate your _____ to Jesus through practical expressions of loving God & loving others - **John 14:15 & Philippians 2:1-4**

TRUTH #5: God's good plan for His children is obedience – after your conversion to Jesus, you can change biblically by _____ the biblical prescriptions to accomplish true change.

- A. Biblical change is begun by a sovereign act of God and is accomplished by the power of the Word at work in your life. However, biblical change is always linked to your willing obedience to the Word of God - **Philippians 2:12 & Hebrews 5:14**
- B. Obedience to the Word is the _____-_____, worshipful response to God's love that was poured upon you in Christ - **1 John 5:3**
- C. This commitment to live for the glory of God, begins with biblical self-confrontation - **Matthew 7:1-5**

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(**Romans 12:2**), words (**Ephesians 4:29**), and actions (**Colossians 3:1-5**).

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