

THE  
TANGIBLE KINGDOM  
OF GOD

LAST WEEK

# Changing a Value is Hard

But... Change is not dependent on the Value

Change is dependent on changing the “Paradigm”  
that *produced the Value*

Change the **Paradigm** – You change the **Value**

Change the **Root** – You produce different **Fruit**

*Based on John 15:1-15*

**4 Keys in acquiring a Kingdom Paradigm... (Acts 1-2)**

1 The early church had a **FAITH** *that* produced **OBEDIENCE**.

2 They had a **PASSION** *that* produced **UNITY**.

3 They had a **DESPERATION** *that* produced **PRAYER**.

4 They had the **SPIRIT** of the living God *that* produced **POWER**.

They had a **New Paradigm** *that* produced a change in **Values**

They had a **KINGDOM Paradigm** *that* produced **TRANSFORMATION**.



# IN CHRIST ALONE

PART 9

2 Corinthians 3:13-18

(NLT)

We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so the people of Israel would not see the glory, even though it was destined to fade away.

<sup>14</sup> But *the people's minds were hardened*, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the *same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth*.

And *this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ [Alone]*.

<sup>15</sup> Yes, *even today* when they read Moses' writings, *their hearts are covered with that veil*, and *they do not understand*.

<sup>16</sup> But *whenever someone turns to the Lord*, the *veil is taken away*.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, *there is freedom*.



2 Corinthians 3:18

(NLT)

So *all of us who have had that veil removed* can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And *the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like Him* as we are *changed into His glorious image.*

2 Corinthians 3:18

(VOICE)

Now all of us, with our faces unveiled, *reflect the glory of the Lord* as if we are mirrors; and so *we are being transformed, metamorphosed, into His same image* from one radiance of glory to another, *just as the Spirit of the Lord accomplishes it.*

*[In Christ Alone]*



2 Corinthians 3:16-18

(THE MESSAGE)

Whenever, though, they turn to face God as Moses did,  
**God removes the veil** and **there they are—face-to-face!**

They suddenly recognize **that God is a living, personal presence**, not a piece of chiseled stone.  
And when God is **personally present**, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is  
recognized as obsolete. We're free of it! All of us!

*Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of His face.*

And so **we are transfigured much like the Messiah**,  
our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful  
**as God enters our lives** and **we become like Him.**

***[In Christ Alone]***



Romans 12:2

(NLT)

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world,  
but *let God transform you* into a new person *by changing the way you think*.  
Then *you will learn* to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2

(VOICE)

Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image. Instead, be *transformed* from the inside out *by renewing your mind*. As a result, *you will be able* to *discern what God wills* and whatever God finds good, pleasing, and complete



Ephesians 5:1-2

(NLT)

**Imitate God**, therefore, **in everything you do**, because you are his dear children.

<sup>2</sup> Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.

He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

(MSG)

Watch what God does, and then you do it,

like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. *Mostly what God does is love you.*

***Keep company with Him and learn a life of love.*** Observe how Christ loved us.

His love was not cautious but extravagant. ***He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of Himself to us.*** Love like that.



1 John 2:3-6

(VOICE)

We know *we have joined Him in an intimate relationship* because *we live out His commands*.

<sup>4</sup> If someone claims, “I am in an intimate relationship with Him,” but this big talker doesn’t live out His commands, then this individual is a liar and a stranger to the truth. <sup>5</sup> But if someone responds to and obeys His word, then God’s love has truly taken root and filled him.

*This is how we know we are in an intimate relationship with Him:*

<sup>6</sup> anyone who says, “*I live in intimacy with Him,*” should *walk the path Jesus walked*.



*The more we behold **Christ** the more we become like **Christ***

Effective disciple makers [Missional Christians]

point people **to Christ**-

Everything they do points **to Christ** -

Not themselves, not a church, not a method,

not a book... **[In] Christ... Alone**

*How do we become **disciples of Christ**...?*

*By **[intimately]** seeing **[beholding]** more and more **of Christ**.*

***In Christ Alone***