

From Glory to Glory: The Challenge and Blessing of Change


Paving Bricks
These red clay, cedar, and granite paving bricks, ca. 1882–1893, were discovered around Third and Delaware streets and offer insight into the various methods and materials used in Kansas City's roads and sidewalks during its early development.
Paving bricks waiting to cover over a dirt road in Kansas City, 1923.
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GOD'S PROCESS OF CHANGE

- *2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed (changed) into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.*
- **If we are following Jesus, there are two things we can be certain of: His life and transition**
- **If we resist His change and transition, we can become like the wilderness church under Moses** "A lot of activity, a lot of complaining, going nowhere, waiting to die"

GOD'S LIGHT IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGE

- ***Proverbs 4:18*** *But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day.*
- ***Proverbs 6:23*** *For the commandment is a lamp, and the Teaching/Doctrine is light.*
- **We need to keep in mind and examine the Theology, Doctrine of Change**

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY/DOCTRINE OF CHANGE

- **1. God deals with us based on where He is taking us, not just where we are now**
- ***Rom 8:28-31*** *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (29) For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to..(31) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?*
- **2. Transition and future usually involve some sort of prophetic contradictions.**
- **Joseph, Moses, Jesus' birth, Stephen/Philip.**
- **All transitions towards destiny involve discomfort – giving birth, hospitals**

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- 3. Destiny and Expansion always come under attack (Matthew 11:12, I John 3:8)
- Billy Sunday. "If you havn't been resisted by the devil lately you better make sure you are not going the same direction he is."
- 4. On our best days, we only know in part. I Corinthians 13:9: "for we know in part and prophecy in part." He usually gives us just enough information to get us moving but not enough to eliminate the need for faith.

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- **5. Sometimes what is still good can hinder what will be better. It isn't always about fixing something that is wrong, but about taking us forward (Acts 10).**
- **6. In God's Kingdom, success is first and foremost about faithfulness to God, more than outward results.**
- **7. Biblical perspective on Hope: it is an anchor for the future (*Heb 6:1-20*)**
- **Biblically speaking, our best days are ahead of us - Bound by the past, distracted by the present, or possessed by God's future.**
- **8. In new days, there will be new activities and responsibilities**