

Lesson 1: You Can Change Biblically

Introduction

I. Without the gospel, lasting biblical change is not possible

A. What is the gospel?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

B. How do you know if you are saved?

1. You truly and _____ believe in the gospel (Rom 10:9-13; 1 John 5:11-13; Jas 2:14-26)
2. You understand and believe the Bible as God's _____ (1 Cor 2:9-14)
3. You are bearing _____ (Matt 3:8; Acts 26:20; Gal 5:22)
4. You are marked by one who _____ God
 - a. The critical question for our generation—and for every generation—is this: If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ were not there? –John Piper, *God is the Gospel*

b. Do these passages describe the cry of your heart?

- 1) "May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'" – Ps 70:4
- 2) "The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup..." – Ps 16:5
- 3) "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? – Ps 42:1-2.
- 4) "My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better." – Phil 1:23.
- 5) "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." – John 17:3

II. Once a person is saved, change is expected

A. God has given us what we need

1. The _____ (2 Pet 1:3-4; 2 Tim 3:16, 17; Ps 1:1; Ps 19:7-11)

Therefore,

- a. We need to be _____ in the Word
- b. We need to be _____ to the Word
- c. We need to _____ the Word

2. The _____

3. _____

4. The _____

B. God has given us a new goal

1. Man's way: completely oriented toward _____
2. God's way: completely oriented toward _____ and _____

C. God has given us a new plan

1. _____ obedience, which bring blessing (Jas 1:22-25)
2. Taking all our thoughts and _____ captive (2 Cor 10:5)
3. Self-confrontation before confronting others (Matt 7:1, 5)

D. God has promised to change us

1. The Lord will continue to grow you until you're _____ conformed to Christ (Phil 1:6)
2. The Lord _____ will grow you (1 Pet 5:10)

E. Therefore, there is hope!

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”
– Philippians 4:13