The Process of Change – 1 "How to Change"

[Two Constants in regards to Change]

1. God never changes - (Malachi 3:6 / Hebrews 13:8) ref

His Nature, Word and Kingdom are eternal.

- He is resolute in His love and mercy.
- Steadfast in His will to save us.
- Faithful in His lovingkindness.
- Immutable in His holiness.

His Kingdom principles and truths are constant and change not! Morality is not subjective (of personal opinion or preference).

2. Everything and everyone else changes (for good or bad).

God's plan for us all is positive change.

- Old covenant (Law) vs. new covenant (grace)
- "I'll do a new thing, says the Lord." Isaiah 41:15/Isaiah 42:9/Isaiah 43:17 ref
- "Sing a new song." Isaiah 42:10
- Repent = Greek change your mind and direction.

Genesis 8:22 "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest; cold and heat, summer and winter and day and night shall not cease." (KJV)

• Seasons remind us of <u>change</u>.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the sun." (KJV)

Recognize seasons in your life (enjoy each one). Infant / childhood / adolescence / adulthood

[Why Do So Many Fear Change?]

Proverbs 13:12 (KJV)

- So many have failed in noble efforts of change.
- Climb the mountain of change, only to end up at the bottom.
- Others believe change is impossible (family and friends).

Example – frustrated wife threatens to leave

II Corinthians 3:12-18 (KJV) Vs. 18 – <u>Nine statements and how they relate to change</u>

- 1. We all No mediators under new covenant
- With open face....
 We do not cover the glory or hide it.
- 3. Beholding..... (present tense) Moses BEHELD (past tense)
- 4. As in a glass.... Mirror (God's Word)
- 5. The glory of the Lord..... <u>NOT</u> your sins, the sins of others, past mistakes.....
- 6. Changed Greek = metamorphoo / English = metamorphosis Change comes from within
- 7. Into the same image..... The image of God
- 8. From glory to glory..... (progressive) Faith to faith Grace to more grace
- 9. By the Spirit of the Lord Supernatural God changes us Trusting vs. trying