

What does the world say about change?

What does the Word say about change?

1. Lamentations reminds us with each sunrise God's mercies are "new":

²¹ Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:21-23 NIV



2. Paul tells the believers at Corinth that at the return of Jesus Christ, all believers will be changed:

in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:52

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- 3. He told the same audience that the greatest transformation of all is someone that has been made "new" In Christ:
 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
 The old has gone, the new is here!
 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - So transformative were many of the God encounters in the scripture, they often resulted in changed names. Abram became Abraham, Simon became Peter and Saul became Paul to name just a few.

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4. Paul gave the following exhortation in the book of Romans:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2

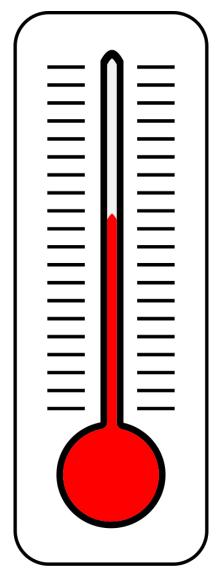




"When you boil the Christian life down to the basics, the name of the game is change. Those who flex with the times, who refuse to stay rigid, who resist the mold and reject the rut . . . ah, those are the souls distinctively used by God. To them, change is a challenge, a fresh breeze that flows through the room of routine and blows away the stale air of sameness. It seldom fails to stimulate and invigorate . . . "

Chuck Swindoll





Thermometer or Thermostat?



What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought Since Jesus came into my heart;
I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,

Since Jesus came into my heart. Refrain:
Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart;
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

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