



True or False
“People don’t change”

Jesus was known/famous for being...
a friend of sinners.

His invitation – come as you are...

- I won’t leave you
- I won’t leave you as you are

23 and Me Maxim
2 Parts Required

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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1 Corinthians 6:11a

Question of the day
How do/can we change?

What change would you want to occur in your life in 2023?

What change would Jesus want to see in you in 2023?

Insight: Discipleship is becoming like Jesus from the inside out.

2 Parts required:

Our Part – Renew and Remain

Does change begin with our part or God's part?

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

Therefore, my dear friends—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling
Philippians 2:12

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.
Philippians 2:13(NLT)

Renew

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 12:2

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in the understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity they have give themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

Ephesians 4:17-19

When you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Ephesians 4:21-28

To be made new in the attitude of your minds.

(Literally -You, yourself being renewed in the spirit of your mind)

Ephesians 4:23

To renew my mind – is to think about something the way Jesus does and then act out accordingly

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Ephesians 4:25

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:26-27

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Ephesians 4:28

Remain

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:4-5

God's Part

"If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

John 15:5&8