

A Change - cont.

person who is friends with God (James 2:23; 4:4). The change is brought about by confession (Matthew 10:32-33) and obedience (John 14:23-24; 15:14).

“Change of Status”

We hear about a person undergoing a “change of status”. A person who is lost in sin needs to change into a person who is found and forgiven (Luke. 15:32; 19:10; James 5:19-20). This change of status is brought about by conversion and baptism (John 3:3-5; Acts 2:38, 47; 9:4,20; 11:26).

“Change of Direction”

We hear about a person who made a “change of direction”. A person who is travelling the broad way to hell needs to change and travel the narrow way to heaven (Matthew 7:13-14). This change of direction is brought about considering seriously the end of the road (Matthew 25:46).

It's Time For A Change

Yes, we need change today! We need changes in the spiritual make-up of each and everyone one of us. Now is the time to change. Today is the day of salvation! - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- Love one another from the heart.
- Don't just enter the right road to heaven, travel it.
- A big heart accommodates more people than a big house.
- Since God has included you in his plans, make sure you include God in your plans.
- Awake to soberness righteously.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

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Everyone wants change. You hear it all the time, “We need change!” Politicians promise change to their voters. Preachers promise change to their congregation. Spouses promise change to their mates. Parents promise change to their children. Employers promise change to their works. Etc.

“Change” is a popular slogan. Like in the ancient city of Athens, many people today still want to hear or tell some “new thing” (Acts 17:21).

The Apostle Paul wrote about much-needed change in 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2. He wrote about the “new creature” in Christ. He wrote about the need to be reconciled to God. He wrote about being saved today! The change from a life of sin to the life of the saved is really the most important change that anyone can ever make.

Let us consider some much needed changes in our life using the common slogans we often hear today.

“Change of View”

We hear about a person taking on a “change of view”. This could be good or bad. A carnal person who follows the flesh needs to change into a spiritu-

al person who follows the Spirit (Romans 8:6), This change of heart comes about by hearing and obeying God’s word (Romans 8:1; 10:17).

A person who loves worldly pleasure needs to change into a person who loves God (1 John 2:15-17). This change of affection comes about by appreciating what God has done for us (1 John 4:19).

A person who has their mind set on the world needs to change into a person who has their mind set on heaven (Philippians 3:19-20). This change of outlook comes from a true, spiritual death and resurrection (Colossians 3:1-3).

“Change of Economics”

We hear about a person who goes through a “change of economics”. This person makes more money or less money. A person who loves money on earth needs to change into a person who saves up in heaven (Matthew 6:19-20; Luke 12:14,21). This change of savings comes when one realizes what is most important in life – his soul (Matthew 16:26).

“Change of Development”

We hear about a person going through a “change of development”. This is natural.

A person who is new in the faith needs to change into a person who is mature (Hebrews 5:12 – 6:1). This change of development comes about when a person is committed to growth (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Pet. 1:5ff; 3:18).

“Change of Administration”

We hear about a company going through a “change of administration”. The leaders change. A person who has been following self or man’s ways needs to change into a person who follows God (Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 14:12; Isaiah 55:8-9). This change of leadership is brought about by recognizing the supreme authority of God and Christ (Matthew 28:18).

“Change of Citizenship”

We hear about a person who makes a “change of citizenship”. A person who is a citizen of darkness (the Devil) needs to change into a citizen of light (Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 2:9). This change of citizenship is brought about by belief and repentance (John 12:46; Acts 26:17-18) and walking in light (Ephesians 5:8; Philippians 2:15).

A person who makes friendships with the world needs to change into a