

The Power of Change **2 Corinthians 5:17 (8/30/09 AM)**

1. Change Is the Essence of the Christian Life

Both Physical and Spiritual

In the physical world all living things grow and change,
Mark 4:26-27.

- **Paul is speaking of _____**

“If anyone be in Christ, he is a new creation”

This is the believer’s position. At the moment of salvation the believing sinner is placed into Christ through the baptism of

the Holy Spirit, Romans 6:3 & Galatians 3:26-28. Water baptism illustrates this truth, it does not originate this truth.

There are three stages for the believer: without Christ, in Christ, and with Christ. All people are born into the world without Christ, 1 Corinthians 15:22.

Salvation Is the Greatest Single Change that a Person Can Ever _____

This is not superficial change but fundamental change.

John 5:24, “from death into life”;

Acts 26:18, “from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God”

- **Paul calls salvation a _____**

The book of Genesis reveals that God completed His work of Creation in six days. Genesis 2:2-3, Salvation is a divine work of grace. Creation was a work of God alone. Salvation is a work of God alone. John 1:3, “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” John 1:12-13, “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

John 3:3, Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Salvation is not Reformation but _____

Titus 3:5-6, “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior”

2. Change Is the Evidence of the Christian Life

The Inward Reality Is Revealed by the Outward Testimony

- **Paul is speaking of _____**

There are three aspects of sanctification in the life of the believer.

(1) Positional (Justification)...the _____ of Sin
Romans 3:24, “being justified freely by His grace...”

(2) Progressive (Sanctification)...the _____ of Sin
2 Peter 3:18, “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord...”

(3) Complete (Glorification)...the _____ of Sin

Philippians 1:6, "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ"

**Every Born Again Believer Is _____
_____ by the Holy Spirit**

• **The past** _____

When we become "in Christ" we are identified with His death, burial and resurrection, Romans 6:6-8,

Salvation Is Truly a _____

• **The present** _____

(1) This change is _____

Paul uses the perfect tense here to show continuance.

(2) This change is _____

2 Corinthians 3:18, "are being transformed into the same image"

(3) This change is _____

2 Corinthians 4:16, "the inward man is being renewed day by day."

(4) This change is _____

We have a part to play as we cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:22-24, "that you put off...that you put on the new man"

(5) This change is _____

1 Peter 2:11-12, "by your good works which they observe"

What Are the Evidences of Change In _____
_____?