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Change

By: Tim Dooley



Some change is good, necessary, productive, and even anticipated. Other is bad, needless, fruitless, and dreaded. Many look forward to the changes of seasons. The late summer heat gives way to cooler nights. The trees begin to display their autumn foliage and the leaves begin to glide through the air in their lazy journey to the earth. The spring brings rebirth and renewal. Warmer days, from the bone chilling air of winter, that bring with it green grass and flowers that burst forth from dormancy.

Politicians promise change, but few deliver the kind that we desire and need. Sounds like they have something in common with Satan and his angels. He lies, deceives, tempts, depresses, and all the time leaving us in a state of confusion and desperation. Seeking changes that will bring us pleasure and peace, but never able to deliver. Or else he convinces us that everything is okay and there is no need for change. And sadly, we believe him and remain lost; we listen to the one who hates us and wants us to die, and continue wallowing in the mire of sin, separated from God who truly loves us.

The Bible has several things to say about change. The logic is simple and is as beautiful as the fall colors that thrill us and the sun and flowers that warm us in the spring. The journey though is not easy.

First of all, reflect on what the Bible says about the fact that God does “not” change! James 1:17 says that, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”* In Malachi 3:6 we read, *“For I am the LORD, I do not change;”* and in Hebrews 13:8 the inspired writer says, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”*

Second, considering our sins and the fact that we all have sinned and continue to fall short of His glory (Romans 3:23); bearing in mind the love of God (John 3:16); and in view of the command that we repent of those sins, obey Him and serve Him faithfully (Acts 17:30; Hebrews 5:8-9; Revelation 2:10), who should be changing? Bearing in mind that there is a judgment day coming when God will destroy the heavens and the earth Peter asks, *“...what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness?”* (2 Peter 3:11).

Third, we need to take note of the fact that we are all going to be changed (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)! The vast majority will be changed, judged, and separated from the love of God for eternity to suffer with that same devil who is trying to convince you not to change your ways today. The few remaining, the obedient and faithful, will receive a new body and be united with the One in eternity who loves us more than we can comprehend.

What changes do you need to make in your life? Do you need to become a Christian? Repent of your sins, confess the name of Jesus, and be buried with Him in baptism. Do it today! Do you need to come back to God? Have you forsaken Him? Confess that and repent. Whatever needs to change in your life today... do it while you still have a chance and then *Be Faithful! If there is something we can do to help you with that then please let us know.*

HARD THINGS

By ~ Ryan Parsons

Have you ever read the words of Jesus and thought to yourself, "I could NEVER do that!" OR "Is that really necessary?" Why did Jesus teach and command so many hard things? Is this new way of Kingdom life supposed to be this difficult? For instance:

Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Matthew 5:11-12 11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:23-24 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 6:19-21 19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 7:1-3 1 "Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

Matthew 7:12 "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

As you continue to read the teachings of Jesus, be reminded of Paul's attitude.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

This new way of Kingdom living calls us to do hard things. But make no mistake, Jesus is with us every step of the way, empowering us to live in faithful obedience

QUIZ ~ THE PROPHETS (MALACHI)

1. What was the first complaint that God had about the people of Israel? _____ Mal. 1:6
2. Of whom was it said: "True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips." _____ Mal. 2:4-7
3. Which tribe was mentioned as faithless (treacherous)? _____ Mal. 2:11
4. What did God say he hates? _____ Mal. 2:16
5. Who is like a 'refiner's fire and like fullers' soap?' _____ Mal. 3:2
6. In what way did God say the people were robbing Him? _____ Mal. 3:10
7. What relationship does God use to describe His relationship with those whose names are in the book of remembrance? _____ Mal. 3:17
8. Which prophet will the Lord send 'before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.'? _____ Mal. 4:5



YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30; Wed. @ 6:30

PRAYER LIST



Debra Harville, sister-in-law of *Kathy Clayton* is very ill. She had a reaction to her chemo treatments and now has heart problems. She was airlifted to Vanderbilt.

Terri Turner, niece of *Grace Lyon* is undergoing Chemo treatments in Tupelo.

Alfred Jones Jr., brother of *Perry Jones* was released from the hospital this past week.

Nancy Petrowski, has pneumonia.

Paul, Lori, & Olivia Blansett, family of *Larry & Janice Cobb*, have Covid 19. **Lori** had to have IV fluids this past week. *Paul* and *Olivia* are improving.

J.L. Eaton is not able to be out and about like he would like.

Luke Jennings is having a lot of breathing problems due to asthma. He has also been diagnosed with a Vocal Cord Dysfunction.

Lakisha Harris is recovering from Covid 19.

Joe Reed, is having problems with his legs and not able to get around well.

Ronnie Miller, father of *Amanda Coggin*, was released from the hospital Friday. He will be staying with *Dane* and *Amanda* while he recovers.

Perry Jones was not feeling well Sunday.

Continue to Remember:

Ricky Adams, Chris Bradley, Kathy Clayton, Shelly Clayton, Shane Crotts, Amanda Dye, Tim & Kathy Dye, Prebble Foster, Don Golden, Ron Griggs, Eleta Grimmett, Madison Hardy, Andrea Hill, David Holmes, Ronnie Miller, Josh Moore, Olivia Pounders, Lake Tremble, Charles Ulmer, William Wilson, Donnie Wilson, Sarah Grace Wise

Shut-Ins:

J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Bill & Grace Lyon, Nancy Petrowski,

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Price Senter, J.D. Stroud

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Luke Goff, Chase Seals



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



December 02.Dillon Clayton
December 03.Lakisha Harris
December 07.Kathy Clayton
December 08.Larry Ashmore
December 08.Deloris Crowe
December 10.Maria Ormon



NEW MINISTER

Tim Dooley, along with his wife *Colleen* will be with us beginning Dec. 6th. We look forward to their working with us and becoming a part of the New Albany church family!

CARE GROUPS

- The Care Groups will be once again be collecting food and snack items to be sent home with children in our county who are in need. There will be a table set up in the foyer for these items. If you have any questions see *Shane Crotts*.
- Items for the residents at New Albany Health & Rehab on Glenfield Rd. need to be wrapped with the ornament number on the packages, and left in room 12, by Dec. 13th. If you have any questions see *Shane Crotts*.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

We have a YouTube channel and if you have not subscribed to it yet, please do so. This will give you access to all our videos. There are two ways to get to our YouTube channel. First go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtxulLTTbbhJCop9y_vKbTA, or you can search "New Albany church of Christ Youtube" and click the subscribe button.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

I've Learned...

A person who feels appreciated will always do more than expected.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....
 Wednesday Bible Study....6:30

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TO SERVE

Communion.....Richard Adams
 Scripture.....Owen Clayton
 A.M. Prayer.....David Clayton
 Closing.....Ruston Adams
 P.M. Prayer.....
 Closing.....
 Wed 09th.....Jason J./ Caleb J.
 Lock..... Richard Jennings
 UsherRoger Clayton
 SecurityMatt Jennings

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....NA
 Sunday A.M.....67
 Sunday P.M.....
 Wednesday.....70
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*New Albany Church of Christ Welcomes
 our new Minister & his wife*

Tim & Colleen Dooley



*Tim will begin his work with the New Albany congrega-
 tion December 6th. Please join us as we welcome
 Tim and Colleen to the New Albany Family*