

# Y Change?

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.....Rejoice, **Change** your ways. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13: 11 (NLT)

Consequently, it is clear that no one can ever be right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is **through faith** that a righteous person has life." Galatians 3:11 (NLT)

## 1. The first reason we need to **change** is to get our \_\_\_\_\_ right with God.

For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the Jewish ceremony of circumcision. No, a true Jew is one whose **heart is right with God**. And true circumcision is not a cutting of the body but **a change of heart** produced by God's Spirit. Whoever, has that kind of **change** seeks praise from God, not from people. Roman 2:28-29 (NLT)

## 2. The second reason we need to **change** is to get our \_\_\_\_\_ right with God.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by **changing the way you think**. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is. Romans 12:2 (NLT)

As Jesus was going down the road, he saw Matthew sitting at his tax-collection booth. "Come, be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So

Matthew got up and followed him.

That night Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to be his dinner guests, along with his fellow tax collectors and many other notorious sinners. Matt. 9:9 (NLT)

.....Fix your **thoughts** on what is true and honorable and right. **Think** about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. **Think** about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

## 3. The third reason we need to **change** is to get our \_\_\_\_\_ right with God.

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious **behavior**. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT)

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for **love covers** a multitude of **sins**. 1 Peter 4: 8 (NLT)

They worshipped together at the Temple each day, **met in homes** for the Lord's Supper, and **shared their meals** with great joy and generosity- all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47 (NLT)

Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)

.....What counts is whether we really have been **changed** into new and different people. Galatians 6:15 (NLT)