

## **Right Attitude Begins with Possessing the Power to Change – Part 29**

### Summary

#### Romans 3:20

The purpose of the law is not to change us; the purpose of the law is to show us we need Jesus.

Trying to live out the law perfectly, or live a good life, does not change how God sees us. It is only the blood of Jesus and believing in what He did that changes how God sees man. The converse is also true. If our behavior in trying to perform the law doesn't change how God sees us, then our incorrect behavior, for those of us who are saved and under grace, also does not change how God sees us.

#### Galatians 3:11

There's a spiritual truth that God loves us, there's a spiritual truth that He's already blessed us, but in order for us to see it in the natural, we have to obey His voice.

The only cause of blessing in our life is the goodness of God and the blood of Jesus.

#### Romans 7:6

If we are still bound by the law, in proximity of the law or trying to operate by the law, we can't serve God. Only free people can serve God.

We are either obeying the law or following the Holy Spirit, so as Christians, we are supposed to be obeying God by following the Holy Spirit, or living, as it says, in the Spirit. If we live in Him, we follow His voice. So there's no other way to obey God than obeying the voice of the Holy Spirit.

#### John 6:29

Our job is no longer to work (the law), our job is to believe (grace).

Before we can change we have to believe in the One Who did the change. We're skipping our faith in Christ and trying to go right to manifestation of change. However, there's a spiritual change that has to take place first that has given us access to the changes which bring about manifestation. [\[1:05:34\]](#)

### Ephesians 2:8,9

Being saved is the first major change that takes place in our spiritual lives. A spiritual change takes place that affects our eternal lives.

We become the righteousness of God. Those who are right with God receive all that He has. That is a spiritual reception. We have it in the Spirit, but it may take time for it to manifest in the natural. A renewing of the mind has to take place so that we can see it manifesting in the natural.

Our behavior doesn't earn us the blessing, but our behavior is important to get us to where the blessing is manifested.

### Romans 12:1-2

As we believe in Jesus, He changes us. Then the Holy Spirit changes the way we think. Jesus changes our spirit, the Holy Spirit changes our souls.

If we stick to what He's telling us to do, stick to the Word, stick to everything He's instructing us, we need to have faith that we will change. We must not give up on ourselves – God is not giving up on us. [\[1:17:54\]](#)

We are not responsible for the change; the Word of God is what changes us.

When we know the will of God, we know what He wants done. We can't do what He wants by thinking the old way. That creates war within our minds.

### John 16:5-11

The Holy Spirit is constantly in our ears, telling us good news.

There is no battle between us and the devil. He's defeated. We are not fighting the devil. We're fighting unbelief in ourselves. We're wrestling with ourselves, and it's time that we stopped fighting and receive who God has made us to be. We need to receive our spiritual change, receive that soul change, and make a decision that we believe in God's love for us. [\[1:33:48\]](#)

As we allow that soul change, or renewing of the mind, to take place, we will understand what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God and as we get to know it, because we love Him and believe Him, then we will do it. If we want to be changed, we need to let God change us.

## **Points to ponder**

1. Think back to who you were before you met Jesus. Has your life, your world view, changed much since then? Do you think that you still need to change some? If so, what do you feel needs the most attention? In which ways do you see God working on renewing your mind at the moment?

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2. How patient are you with yourself? Do you get easily frustrated when you struggle to do something? Do people get frustrated with you because you are “slow” in learning a new way of doing things? Does God look at you the way you look at yourself or the way others look at you? If we are Christ-followers, at what point will God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit lose patience with us? What does this do to your confidence?

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3. How do we get to understand the good and acceptable and perfect will of Christ for us? How are we involved in the process? Who takes responsibility for it?

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**Take-Home Thought:** “It’s time that we realized that while we know something, we definitely don’t know everything, and God wants to change us and take us to a whole ‘nother level. This is all working towards us becoming the full manifestation of His sons and daughters so that when the world sees us, they see Jesus.”

## **Pray:**

Thank God that, though you are not yet what you want to be, because of His completed work and the work of the Holy Spirit in your life, you are not who you once were. Thank Him that He has promised that He is faithful to complete the good work He has begun in you. Ask Him to help you with patience with yourself as He renews your mind, and changes the things that need to be changed. Ask Him to help you sift out the voices you don’t need to hear, so that you hear Him and only Him, and are able to follow Him more closely day by day.