

March 23 & 24, 2019 Pastor Andrew Krayer-White

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Truth #1

My change

"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

MEMORY VERSE

"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose." Philippians 2:12-13

Truth #2

In Christ

"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."

Colossians 2:13-15

Truth #3

A day is coming when

"When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:4

How Does God Change Us Now?

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"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing on another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Colossians 3:16
2. Through "Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses." Proverbs 27:6
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"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4

MY NEXT STEP IS TO. . .

- O Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- O Memorize Philippians 2:12-13
- O Begin praying the dangerous prayer "change me"
- O Thank God for the changes He has already brought about in me
- O Commit to engaging God's word and allow it to challenge and change me
- O Get the most out of this weekend's teaching by attending my Life Group this week



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QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "Change Me," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- What is something in your life that you've wanted to change for a while? What's holding you back from starting to make the change?
- In the message this weekend Pastor Andrew shared that three ingredients God uses to bring change in us are His word, the people in our lives, and situations that stretch our faith. Which of these three ingredients do you think you need more of to bring about change?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. While our change is God's work, we have a part to play too. Read John 5:1-15. What role did the man have to play in the miraculous healing?

Would you characterize the man as hopeful or hopeless that change was possible?

Is there anything in your life that you feel powerless to change?

Does this passage give you any encouragement?

Is there any change in your life for which Jesus is telling you "get up! Pick up your mat and walk" today?

If so, what could be the first step?

2. Read Ephesians 4:22-24 and Romans 6:6. What do you think Paul means in Ephesians 4 by putting off your old self and putting on your new self?

If our old self was crucified with Christ, why do you think it's something with which we still struggle?

What part of your old self do you have the hardest time letting go?

What are some of the benefits of letting go of this part of your old self and embracing your new life in Christ?

Can you think of a way that the group could encourage you to let go of the old and live into the new?

3. One of the primary ingredients in our change is engagement with God's word. Read Psalm 1. What are some things in which you take delight?

How do you think we come to develop a delight in God's word?

Do you think there is a difference between reading God's word and meditating on it?

Can you think of any fruit that has resulted in your life or other's lives as a result of meditating on God's word?

TAKING IT HOME

- ? What is one step you can take this week toward the change you would like to see God bring in your life?
- ? How can the group be praying for you between now and the start of our Spring quarter on April 22?

PRAYER REQUESTS