



SERMON BY RAY REYNOLDS

(Sunday Night = 5-16-10)

Introduction: Some people fear change because some changes are negative in nature (poor health, death, aging, long-term illness, etc.). However, some changes are positive (marriage, the birth of a child, buying a new home, getting a new job, etc.). In our text, Paul is talking about changes that are priceless, precious, and profound. Let's open our Bibles and study together . . .

Discussion:

I. Our Strategy Has Changed (vs.9-10)

A. We have become prayerful.

II Thessalonians 5:17, Matthew 26:36-46, James 5:16

B. We have become profitable.

II Timothy 3:16-16, Matthew 5:16, Galatians 5:22-23

II. Our Strength Has Changed (v.11)

A. We were once unhappy.

Isaiah 59:2, Ephesians 2:1, John 8:44, II Thessalonians 1:8-9

B. We were once unable.

Genesis 1-3, Philippians 4:13, Romans 8:31

III. Our Station Has Changed (v.12)

A. We have become prepared.

Romans 5:6-10, Romans 8:15, John 14:1-3, Ephesians 2:5

B. We have become privileged.

Romans 8:17, Ephesians 1:3, Galatians 3:29, Titus 3:7, Hebrews 1:14, Hebrews 9:15

IV. Our Status Has Changed (v.13)

A. We were lost without God.

Ephesians 2:1-3, Galatians 5:19-21, I Corinthians 6:9-10, Ephesians 4:17-19

B. We are liberated by God.

John 6:37, Acts 8:37, Acts 16:31-34, II Corinthians 5:17

V. Our Standing Has Changed (v.14)

A. We have our debts paid.

John 5:24, Romans 6:1-14, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16

B. We have our destiny sealed.

Matthew 11:28, I Peter 5:7, Revelation 2:10

Conclusion: Paul wanted the church in Colosse to remember the blessings of God. We can't ever forget that God is still changing us into His image. We are moving toward maturity. Are you thankful for the plan your Heavenly Father has for you? Is Jesus making changes in your life? Will you allow the Holy Spirit to inspire you? The road to change is narrow and winding but it's worth the effort. Heaven awaits us!

WORD OF THE DAY = "Change"