



Changed

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¹ When it was the right time, John the Baptizer began telling people a message from God. This was out in the desert area of Judea. ² John said, “Change your hearts and lives, because God’s kingdom is now very near.”

Matthew 3:1-2 ERV

From that time Jesus began to tell people his message: “Change your hearts and lives, because God’s kingdom is now very near.”

Matthew 4:17 ERV

Peter said to them, “Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Then God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38 ERV

1. Our hearts and lives need to be changed

2. Changing... How?

- Outward compliance alone doesn’t lead to inner transformation
- When God changes your heart it leads to changed actions

Don’t change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you inside with a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to understand and accept what God wants for you. You will be able to know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect. **Romans 12:2 ERV**

⁹ Your love must be real. Hate what is evil. Do only what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other in a way that makes you feel close like brothers and sisters. And give each other more honor than you give yourself. ¹¹ As you serve the Lord, work hard and don’t be lazy. Be excited about serving him! ¹² Be happy because of the hope you have. Be patient when you have troubles. Pray all the time. ¹³ Share with God’s people who need help. Look for people who need help and welcome them into your homes. ¹⁴ Wish only good for those who treat you badly. Ask God to bless them, not curse them. ¹⁵ When others are happy, you should be happy with them. And when others are sad, you should be sad too. ¹⁶ Live together in peace with each other. Don’t be proud, but be willing to be friends with people who are not important to others. Don’t think of yourself as smarter than everyone else. ¹⁷ If someone does you wrong, don’t try to pay them back by hurting them. Try to do what everyone thinks is right. ¹⁸ Do the best you can to live in peace with everyone. ¹⁹ My friends, don’t try to punish anyone who does wrong to you. Wait for God to punish them with his anger. In the Scriptures the Lord says, “I am the one who punishes; I will pay people back.” **Romans 12:9-19 ERV**

What is the evidence that your heart and life have been changed?

Next Steps:

- ☐ Read Romans 12 this week
- ☐ Accept Jesus as my Savior and Lord; begin the journey that will change my heart and life
- ☐ Continue my journey of change with God
- ☐ Celebrate and give thanks to God for the change that he has brought in my life
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