

# Real Change 4

Jesus shows us how to live

Romans 6    John 14

# A journey of change: Changing character, not behavior

Not holding my temper, but not being angry

Not lusting (blinders), but enjoying beauty

Not controlling, but giving freedom

I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

“There was a man who had two sons”  
Luke 15

Did the two sons ever cease being sons?

Their position in the family was determined  
by their birth, not how they felt

Both sons expressed who they believed they  
were, and it was not what the Father said

Who we are is determined by birth, not how  
we feel

# What died, was buried and rose with Christ

## Romans 6: 1 - 11 (ESV)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, we too might walk in newness of life

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For the one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus

# Crucified, buried, resurrected

We were united (fused) with Jesus in His crucifixion, burial and resurrection

Our old self and our sins remain in the grave

Our new man was raised into newness of life

Jesus was raised into a new resurrection body

We are raised into a new spiritual life in our old decaying body until our new spirit (*self*) is united with our resurrection body

# Terms: “sin” and “the flesh”

Sin: not actions, but a living force, think of it as Satan’s counterfeit of the Holy Spirit

“the flesh”: two meanings - physical body

We usually think the flesh as “evil actions”

“the flesh is the old ways and patterns by which you have attempted to get all your needs supplied instead of seeking Christ first and trusting him to meet your needs” *B. Gillham*



If our old self is dead, why are we told to put it off (*Colossians, Ephesians*)?

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Colossians 3: 9, 10

There once was a young doctor who .....

Does “positional” mean not actual?

# Does it matter if our old self is dead?

This has nothing to do with salvation

I would suggest that it has a lot to do with  
“victory” over sin, how we live our life today

For you have died, and your life is hidden with  
Christ in God. When Christ, who is your  
life....

Colossians 3: 3

You are in Christ Jesus, who became to us  
wisdom from God, righteousness,  
sanctification, and redemption 1 Cor. 1: 30

Finish the well known verse:

“for to me to live ....

.... is to be Christ like

.... is to have His help

.... is to serve

.... is to walk with Him carrying Him carry me  
in the rough (I am on the  
*wall*)

.... is to work each day to become closer to  
God

Romans 6:5; grafted together with Him  
sounds like “vine and branches”

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Jesus in John 15: 4, 5

# John 14: Jesus, the Father, and us: Jesus explains Galatians 2: 20

John 14: 6 - 20

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.



“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

# Jesus is the model for the Christian life

He is the only one to live the way God intends us to live now, He is our example

He was fully God, but how could God become man? (*think of the transfiguration*)

He took on the form of a servant (Philippians 2)

Jesus exercised his “godness” when directed to by the Father, He did not act independently

# Jesus did not act independently

My food is to do the will of him who sent me  
and to accomplish his work      John 4: 34

I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge,  
and my judgment is just because I seek not  
my own will, but the will of him who sent me  
John 5: 30

For I have come down from heaven, not to do  
my will, but the will of him who sent me  
6:38

# Jesus did what the Father told him

I have authority to lay it down (*his life*) and I have authority to take it up again. For this is what the Father has commanded. John 10:18

Jesus actions were always the Father's actions, saying the Father's words, doing the Father's works as if the Father was living through him

Jesus could say “*for me to live is the Father*”

Jesus was the Father working through him

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me John 14: 10, 11

Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. John 14:

19, 20

Like Jesus, we were never meant  
to act independently

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Sin is acting independently

What does sin do to us?