

Grace to Change (Part 4)
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Scriptures:

- Romans 12:1, 2
- Matthew 6:33
- Romans 12:1, 2, *AMPC*
- John 10:10
- Psalm 139:14, 17, 18
- Psalm 139:14, 17, *AMPC*
- John 14:25, 26
- John 14:25, 26, *AMPC*
- 1 Corinthians 2:16
- 1 Corinthians 2:16, *AMPC*
- 1 Corinthians 13:9, 10
- 1 Corinthians 13:9, 10, *AMPC*
- James 4:6-8
- James 4:7, 8, *AMPC*
- James 1:5-7
- James 1:6-8, *AMPC*
- 1 John 2:20
- 1 John 2:20, *AMPC*

Summary:

*Change can be interpreted on more than one level. It can be seen as undergoing a transition, experiencing a transformation, or becoming something different. We can experience God's best through the process of change, similar to how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly. Change isn't always easy but, looking back over the process after we go through it, we realize how much better our lives are and how much stronger we are than before the process began. It may be uncomfortable or even painful, but God is always with us when we undergo trials or persecution. One significant change from the old to the new covenant is that, before, the Holy Spirit descended **on** people; now, He actually lives **inside** us. As a result, we now can undergo change from the inside out instead of from the outside in.*

Notes:

1. God sees us differently than we see ourselves. Each of us has unique qualities.
2. God blessed us with intelligence; seeing our bodies as temples to God also includes serving Him intelligently.
3. God, Himself, in the form of the Holy Spirit, lives in us and teaches us all things. We're students of the Comforter. There are things the Holy Spirit wants to teach us and bring to our remembrance.
4. Renewing our minds is the process of bringing them into agreement with God's mind. Entertaining thoughts contrary to those thoughts God gives us makes us double-minded. As we renew our minds, they gradually become attuned to and in harmony with God's mind.
5. Our physical minds are unstable; therefore, we must learn to use our spirit minds. Double-mindedness halts change in our lives.

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