



## BCF LESSONS 5-6 Biblical Dynamics Of Change Calvary Chapel greg blanc

"I can't call you Lord, and then not \_\_\_\_\_ You." - Barry Mcguire

\_\_\_\_\_ is one of the central messages of the gospel. Supernatural change, from the inside out, through the power of regeneration, by the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) **CHANGE** Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Romans 12:1-2 (Living) **CHANGE** And so, dear brothers, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy--the kind He can accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you.

### THIS WEEKS MEMORY VERSES

Romans 8:28-29 (NKJV)<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.  
<sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed (to change) to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

### The primary purposes of these lessons are:

- To illustrate the consequences of following your carnal desires instead of God's Word.
- To help you \_\_\_\_\_ your non-biblical practices and surrender them to Jesus.
- To point out the importance of being a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word.
- To remind you that there is hope and how you can have peace in any circumstance.
- To describe the three levels of any problem in your life.

**This chapter focuses on two spirals:** The downward spiral (neglecting God's way) and the upward spiral, which is doing things God's way.

Doing it your way, means \_\_\_\_\_ doing it God's way.

King David will be your example as you read through 2 Samuel 11 and 12.

You will see the importance of following these guidelines on a daily basis.

\* We must walk in obedience to God's Word, regardless of our feelings!

\* Feelings alone are never to dictate our \_\_\_\_\_. Feelings that we respond to that are not based on faith, will almost always result in negative consequences. Those negative consequences will often leave us discouraged and feeling alienated from God.

\* Feeling alienated from God will result in lost \_\_\_\_\_ and start the process of the downward spiral. At that time you are brought to a crisis of belief. Is God really Lord of your life? And if He is.....are you willing to make the necessary changes to restore a right relationship with Him?

\*Never forget, Jesus loves you too much to override your free will. He will not force you to do things His way. He always gives the believer a \_\_\_\_\_.

The wise choice - Commit yourself to God's sovereignty and rule in your life.

**Six ways to accomplish this:**

1. Determine specific ways that you have sinned against God and \_\_\_\_\_ them.
2. Ask God for \_\_\_\_\_ to know what changes to make and how to make them.
3. Confess specific sins to those you may have sinned against by your words or actions.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ study God's Word regularly.
5. Pray at all times.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ what God Says in His Word.

**THE 3 LEVELS OF A \_\_\_\_\_**

(Turn to John 16:33 (NKJV) "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Jesus Himself alerts us to the fact that we will have tribulation in this world, we will have problems and uncomfortable situations to deal with.

The key is being pre-determined how you will \_\_\_\_\_ when a problem arises.

**"Target Hardening"** - Making a property less appealing or inviting to a burglar.

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV) We need to make our spiritual houses less attractive to the devil.

**You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ faster than you can \_\_\_\_\_.**

He who makes the first move has the \_\_\_\_\_.

Stop reacting and go on the offense. Pre-emptive strike capability.

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**The 3 levels of a problem are the:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ level - Often reflects your focus in life and may also reveal upon whom or what you are depending for your peace and joy.  
Our emotions are a gift from God, but they are never to \_\_\_\_\_ our responses and dictate our actions. Only God's Word should dictate our actions!
2. \_\_\_\_\_ level - Reveals the extent of your faithfulness to the Lord. The fruit our lives is an indicator of who is on the throne of our hearts.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ level - Partially revealed by your thoughts words and actions.

This is a verse that should bring incredible hope to the believer.

Hope for the Christian is not merely an anticipation but a promise.

Hebrews 6:19 tells us that hope is the anchor of our souls.

\_\_\_\_\_ and hope are closely connected. Hope is a major \_\_\_\_\_ behind change.

1 Timothy 1:1 (NKJV) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope.

## Homework

### Lessons 5 & 6

## Dynamics of Change

1. **Memory Verse:** Romans 8:28-29
2. **Read Lessons 5 & 6**
3. **Answer the following questions:**
  - A. According to Romans 8:28-29, what does God cause in all things? Are there any exceptions?
  - B. How would you use this passage if you were counseling someone?
  - C. Read Romans 18-39. Does reading the context amplify the meaning of verses 28-29 at all?
  - D. Which one of the four elements of a counseling session would this verse apply to?
  - E. Write a description of the three levels of a problem as they apply to a problem to which God wants you to work on during this course.
4. **Read II Samuel 11:1-12:25**
5. **Answer the following questions:** (You will need to understand the downward spiral and the upward path found in Lesson 5, pages 3-5; Biblical Hope: 3 Levels of a Problem; and Biblical Basis for Peace and Joy, Lesson 6, pages 4-10)
  - A. When did David's downward spiral begin?
  - B. When did it end?
  - C. What hope is David offered? (II Samuel 12:1-5)
  - D. What is the basis for David's peace and joy?
6. **Complete Supplement 3**, this time using the following passages as your references:
  - A. Romans 12:1-2
  - B. Galatians 5:16-17