

### 39 – 10/06/24 – What Changes?

*As a Christian what changes should I make?"*

- Q1 What about those Christians who want a divorce? -- "Don't"
- Q2 – What about those who want to get out of spiritually mixed marriages? -- Stay put.
- Q3 – What about, the Christian who's unsaved spouse want a divorce? – Let'em go

*What else do I need to change?*

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Principle of Change is –**

*Live for Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ He called you!*

In Respect to \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Corinthians 7:<sup>12</sup> But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. <sup>13</sup> And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. <sup>14</sup> For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. <sup>15</sup> But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace. <sup>16</sup> For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife? <sup>17</sup> But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.

- "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37) - Acts 2:<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In Respect to \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Corinthians 7:<sup>18</sup> Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. <sup>19</sup> Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters. <sup>20</sup> Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.

In Respect to \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Corinthians 7:<sup>22</sup> For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's slave. <sup>23</sup> You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. <sup>24</sup> Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called.

Two wrong-headed thoughts –

.1) Making changes will make me more acceptable to \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Corinthians 1:<sup>27</sup> But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; <sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

2) Making changes will make me more acceptable \_\_\_\_\_

- Colossians 3:<sup>23</sup> And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Principle of Change is –**

*Christianity is not a religion of our doing, but a relationship with the Christ \_\_\_\_\_.*

Yes some things are to be done ... but who is to do them?

- Philippians 2:<sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Focusing on changing ourselves moves us from faith to \_\_\_\_\_ –

- Romans 8:<sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. <sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Listen to Jesus - Luke 9:<sup>23</sup> Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

- What can you expect a crucified person to do?
- Romans 8:<sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
- 2 Corinthians 5:<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- Ephesians 2:<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Principle of Change is –**

*It is Christ who sanctifies us in \_\_\_\_\_*

- The blessed life is the Life in Christ.
- If you are a Christian you need make no changes only obey the Lord.
- If you are not a Christian you need to change your relationship status with Christ.

Believe in Him as Your Savior and Receive Him as your Lord