

“Change We Can Believe In”

This was a popular political mantra in 2008, but it can also direct our thoughts to a much higher spiritual principle. Our world constantly changes, and this is no more apparent than in technological changes over the past 50 years. Our grandparents rode in horse-drawn buggies, and our grandchildren will be able to travel into space!

Man is plagued by sin. Isaiah said, *“Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment”* (Isaiah 1:5-6). We still have the same greed as Lot (Genesis 13:10-11). We still have the same selfish ambition as Diotrephes (3 John 9). We still have the same carnal lusts as David (2 Samuel 11:2-4). However, Christians simply do not belong to this world. Jesus discussed the concept of being in the world without being of the world (John 17:11-16). Being of the world means that you turn away from the sins of this world (Romans 1:29-32; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Timothy 1:9-10).

Thankfully, God does not change (Matthew 24:35; Hebrews 7:22-25; 13:5-6; Revelation 1:8). He also graciously gives us the chance to change, and that change must come from within. Jesus referred to this radical change as being *“born again”* (John 3:3), while Paul called one a *“new man”* (Ephesians 4:24) and a *“new creature”* (2 Corinthians 5:7). If you would like to try some real “change” that can give you real “hope,” please contact us for further study.

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