

Change is Easy and Fast

Refuting the Myths of Christianity (part 4)

Jesus: "I'm here inviting outsiders—
an invitation to a changed life,
changed inside and out."

Luke 5:32 Msg



How Change Happens in Me

Do not continue living like those who do not believe. Ephesians 4:17 NCV

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to **put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to **be made new in the attitude of your minds**; and to **put on the new self**, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV

❖ Myth: Change Is Easy and Fast

Realize Some Things Take Time

An imagination and conscience shaped under those conditions **isn't going to change overnight**. 1 Corinthians 8:7 MSG

Let your **roots grow down** into him and **draw up nourishment** from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done. Colossians 2:6-7 NLT

❖ Myth: My Problems Are Keeping Me from Growing

Recognize My Difficulties Are Not Detours

The pain caused you to repent and change your ways. It was the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have 2 Corinthians 7:9 NLT

❖ Myth: It's Someone Else's Fault I Haven't Changed

Just Concentrate on Me

Don't point your finger at someone else and try to pass the blame! Hosea 4:4 NLT

❖ Myth: Knowing the Truth Is the Key

Do What I Know Is True

But don't just listen to God's word. **You must do what it says.** Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22 NLT

... those who are mature, who have **trained themselves** to recognize the difference between right and wrong and **then do what is right.** Hebrews 5:12-14 NLT

❖ Myth: It's All Up To God

Cooperate with God Continually

Why do you call me, "Lord, Lord," and do not **do what I say**? Luke 6:46 NIV

Don't let sin rule your body...
Instead, **give yourselves** to God. ... to do what is right. Romans 6:11-13 NIV

Fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. **Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it.** Romans 12:2 Msg

❖ Myth: I Can Manage It Myself

Be a Vital Part of God's Family

He makes the whole body fit together and unites it through the support of every joint. **As each and every part does its job, he makes the body grow** so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:16 GWV