

## #6: WHAT: The changes that can never be undone

Dead → Alive (given eternal life)

*John 5:24*

*24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.*

*Eph 2:1-5*

*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.*

*4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),*

Guilty before God → redeemed & forgiven

*Col 2:13-14*

*When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*

*See also Romans 3:23-24; Colossians 1:13-14.*

In Adam → in Christ

*1 Cor 15:21-22*

*21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.*

Ungodly, unrighteous, & condemned → declared righteous by God

*Rom 3:23-24*

*23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 **being justified** as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;*

*Rom 5:6-9*

*6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time **Christ died for the ungodly.** 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 **Much more** then, having now been **justified by His blood, we shall be saved** from the wrath of God through Him.*

Enemy of God → Reconciled to God

*Rom 5:10-11*

*10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

Under law (which results in wrath) → Under grace

*Rom 6:14*

*14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.*

Born of the flesh → Born of the Spirit = born again

*John 3:3-8*

*" 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

*4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

*Rom 8:9*

*9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.*

The old man → the new man

*2 Cor 5:17*

*17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

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*Col 3:9-10*

*9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his evil practices, 10 and have put on the new man which is renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him*

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Darkness → Light

*Eph 5:7-9*

*Therefore do not be partakers with them; 8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light 9 (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),*

*1 Thess 5:4-5*

*4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; 5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness*

Children of wrath → Children of God

*Eph 2:3*

*3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.*

*1 John 3:1*

*See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.*

Governing power of sin and death → Governing power of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

*Rom 8:2*

*For the law [governing power<sup>1</sup>] of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law [governing power] of sin and of death.*

Domain of darkness → Kingdom of God's beloved Son

*Col 1:13-14*

*13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

You will search in vain for any scriptures that say that any of these changes can be reversed (i.e., the New Man being transformed back to the Old Man).

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<sup>1</sup> Author's translation