



Wow! Jesus Still Changes Lives

1 Peter 1:13-21

Three phases of sanctification:

1. Instant, positional sanctification – I am holy (1 Corinthians 6:11, Hebrews 10:10)
2. Gradual, progressive sanctification – I am becoming holy (Philippians 2:12-13, Hebrews 10:14)
3. Future, perfect sanctification – I will be holy (1 John 3:2, Revelation 20:6)

Two key questions:

Do you believe you need to change? (You have not arrived!)

Do you believe you can change? (It's not too late for you!)

Three change agents:

- New Mindset (1:13)
- New Mold (1:14-16)
- New Motives (1:17-21)
 - Our reverence for God

God's redemption of us

R E F L E C T I O N Q U E S T I O N S

- Read 1 Peter this week, one chapter each day, taking time to meditate on the Word.
- Memorize 1 Peter 2:9-12. Meditate on Romans 12:1-2.
- Read *Christians at Our Best* by Ed Stetzer
- Read about progressive sanctification in this article - www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/being-and-becoming
- Reflect on "I Won't Go Back" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tly_ZXOmOs
- Reflect on "Chain Breaker" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGYjKR69M6U
- Remember to invite someone to watch The Chosen with you this week!

D I S C U S S I O N Q U E S T I O N S

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What difference have you seen in your life since coming to know Jesus?
3. If you have been baptized, share about your experience. How did God encourage you through your baptism?
4. Which of these two questions are you most tempted to answer "no" to, and why:
 - i. Do you believe you need to change?
 - ii. Do you believe you can change?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:13. What are some things today that clutter your mind and prevent you from thinking clearly about your spiritual life? How can we be sure that our minds are alert?
6. Our new life is going to require some new thinking. Choose one of these areas (or another) and share about how you have had to rethink about it biblically: God, self, people, purpose, problems, politics, money, work, relationships, other.
7. Read 1 Peter 2:2. What keeps you from reading the Word more faithfully in this season? How can we better help one another to grow in the Word?
8. Take some time and read Romans chapter 12. What stands out to you in this chapter after having spent some time in 1 Peter 1.
9. Have you ever experienced God's discipline as a believer? (Consider Hebrews 12:4-13) How did God work to bring you back more closely to Him?
10. Read 1 Peter 1:18-21. What does this passage teach you about the value of your life? How does this motivate you in living for Christ? And do you know for sure that you have been redeemed?