

SC Church 1.4.2026

## New Can't Fix You The Right Change

- A. Intro: What have you already determined in your mind is changing in 2026?
- B. Big Idea: God wants to transform our lives!
- C. Scripture: Romans 12:1-3 NLT – And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.  
<sup>3</sup> Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.
- D. How do we ensure the Right Change happens in us?
  - a. Worship God with our Lives
    - i. The human heart is a perpetual idol factory - John Calvin
    - ii. Romans 12:1 NLT – And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.
    - iii. Psalm 150:6 NIV – <sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.
    - iv. Psalm 42:1 NLT – As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.
    - v. Matthew 5:14-16 NLT – <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.
    - vi. Job 1:21 NLT – <sup>21</sup> He said, “I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!”
    - vii. Job 19:25 NLT – <sup>25</sup> “But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last.
  - b. Don't copy the World
    - i. Romans 12:2a NLT – <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world...

- ii. Ephesians 4:29 NLT – <sup>29</sup> Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.
- iii. Psalm 19:14 NLT – <sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

c. Allow the Truth to Transform You

- i. John 8:31-32 NLT – <sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. <sup>32</sup> And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
- ii. Romans 12:2b NLT – ...but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.
- iii. John 17:17 NLT – <sup>17</sup> Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.

E. Close: Do you realize God wants to transform you?

a. Next Steps

- i. Memorize: Romans 12:2 NLT – <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.
- ii. Think: Where am I following the crowd and I know it is hindering my relationship with Jesus?
- iii. Action: Put boundaries in place and share with a trusted follower of Jesus who will link arms with you.