Can I REALLY Change? The Need for Change

Romans 6:1-14

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destroyec "to pull the teeth out of; to declaw"

Ephesians 4:22-24

That you put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Galatians 5:17

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would.

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 - Sin will make you a slave (vv. 16-19).
 - Sin will make you ashamed (vv. 20-21).
 - Sin will spread death through your whole existence (vv. 22-23).

John 8:34

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin.

The absolute freedom to do whatever one pleases without negative consequences is a foolish illusion.



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God wants to change your life!



Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. - Isaiah 43:18-19