

A person is shown in silhouette, bent over with their head resting on their hand in a contemplative or pained pose. The background is dark, and the scene is filled with vibrant, glowing yellow energy. This energy appears as swirling, ethereal lines and a dense cloud of small, bright yellow particles, particularly concentrated around the person's head and shoulders. The overall effect is one of intense spiritual or emotional transformation.

Can I ***REALLY*** Change?

*The Need for Change*

*Romans 6:1-14*

# Romans 6 – *Two Key Phrases*

1) “we are dead to sin” (*vs. 2*)

2) “we should walk in newness of life” (*vs. 4*)



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**For the believer ...**  
***change* is not an option!**



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4. We expect you to be giving.
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2. Faithful (*Heb. 10:23,25; 1 Cor. 4:2; Rev. 2:10; Mt. 25:21; Pr 28:20*)
3. Serving (*Rom 12:10-11; 1 Peter 4:10*)
4. Giving (*Mt 6:21; 2 Cor 9:7; Luke 6:38*)
5. Sharing your Faith (*Acts 1:8; Matt 28:19-20*)





**How does this *change*  
*process* take place?**





# Wrong Answer #1

*“Read your Bible, pray every day, and  
you’ll grow, grow, grow”*



**Wrong Answer #2**

***“Let go and let God”***



Wrong Answer #3

*“ZAP theology”*



**Wrong Answer #4**

***“Follow the list”***





# **“newness of life”**

*to make new, renovate*

Key concept >> Spiritual Renovation  
Renovation is not the same as remodeling.



# Proverbs 28:13

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He that covers his sins will  
not prosper: but he that  
confesses and forsakes them  
will obtain mercy.





1. **Confesses:** Spiritual renovation involves authentic confession.
2. **Forsakes:** Spiritual renovation involves radical amputation (*Eph 4:22-24; Mt. 5:27-30*)

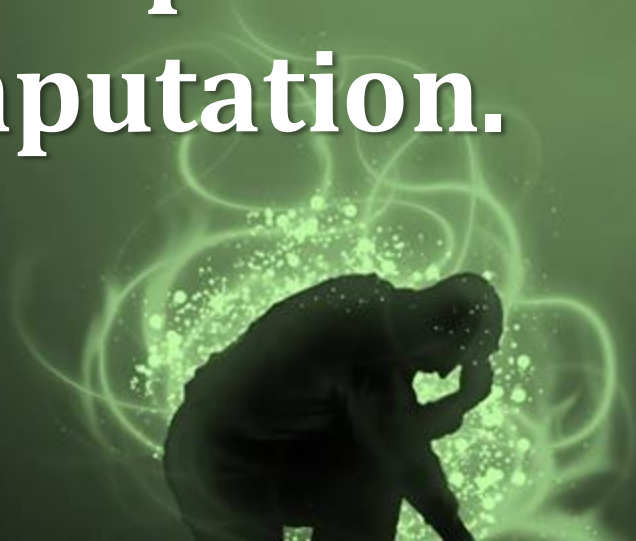


# Ephesians 4:22-24

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.



- **There will be future temptations to repeat past acts of sin.**
- **We must be prepared to meet and defeat these temptations when they come.**
- **Nothing may be spared in the process – it is radical amputation.**





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