



SUMMER

REFRESH

"Free" To Change The World

1 Peter 2:9-3:17





Be the change that you want to see in the world.

COMMUNITY CHANGE

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.

If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.

MOTHER TERESA



HELPING ONE PERSON MIGHT NOT CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT IT COULD CHANGE THE WORLD FOR ONE PERSON.





“He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant. . . He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never lived in a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born . . .”

“ . . . today he is the central figure of the human race. . . . all the armies that ever marched . . . all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned - put together - have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one, solitary life.

~ James Allen Francis



“The time has come,” Jesus said.

“The kingdom of God is near.

*Repent [of the Kingdom of this world]
and believe in the good news [of My
Kingdom] ... Come, follow Me”*

(Mk 1:14-17)

The Jesus Way To Change The World (2:13)

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men”

2:14-17 Community example: government

2:18-20 Worst (& common) example: slavery

2:21-25 Jesus’ example: The Cross

3:1-7 Most relational example: marriage

3:8-17 Most expected example: witnessing

How we change the world through Jesus

1. Know who you are in Jesus (2:16, 2:9)
2. Submit to earthly authorities (2:13)
3. Endure suffering to break evil (2:20)
4. Do “Jesus good” to heal/free people (2:21)
5. Declare His hope (2:9, 3:15)



1. KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN JESUS

*“Live as **free** men, but do not use **your freedom** as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God” (2:16)*

Since you are forgiven and chosen by Jesus to be a royal priesthood, the world’s titles, power & approval don’t define you or determine your future.



2. SUBMIT TO EARTHLY AUTHORITIES

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men” (2:13)

Your first response is to work within the authority structures God has allowed. You spend your energy on God’s healing and freedom for the people in it.



3. ENDURE SUFFERING TO BREAK EVIL

“if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called...”
(2:20-21)

There is a difference between human retaliation and Godly revolution. Jesus demonstrated the way to change people's hearts to truly change the world.



4. DO “JESUS GOOD” TO HEAL PEOPLE

*“... Christ suffered for you, leaving you an **example** that you should follow in His steps” (2:21)*

You should be creating new life and hope, instead of more death and fear. Your words, actions & attitudes should be like Jesus. You endure to heal (v22-24).



5. DECLARE HIS HOPE

“that you may declare the praises of him...” (2:9)

*“be prepared to give ... the reason for
the **hope** that you have” (3:15)*

When you suffer well and provide life instead of death, you will become a sign and wonder for the Lord to many people. They will see a hope they want.



Your Questions About The Jesus Way

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Do Good (like Jesus)

So His Hope Is Declared!

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree . . . by his wounds you have been healed.



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