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**Exalting, Equipping, Evangelizing**

Bible Study

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**LORD, CHANGE ME!**

**(Based on the book by James MacDonald)**

If we are honest with ourselves, all of us have some areas in our lives that we need to change. No matter if you are a preacher, a deacon, a choir member, a ministry leader, or someone who attends church each week. The fact of the matter is that there are areas in our lives where change needs to take place in all of us! That is the focus of these Bible Study lessons.

**Part 2: The Process of Change**  
(We must be willing to do our part.)

**Step Two: Now I Can Choose**

I can never change unless I believe with all my heart that I am dead to the power of sin because of my Relationship with Christ.

**I. Being Dead To Sin**

*Romans 6:1-7*

Paul wanted to make sure that we not abuse the grace of God by repeatedly requesting forgiveness for the same offense while refusing to change.

1. Paul wanted us to know that in Christ we are dead to sin.

- Notice the emphasis on “know”.
- Notice the emphasis on death to sin.

*Romans 6:3,6,9,16*

*Romans 6:2,3-4,5,6,7*

**II. What Dead To Sin Doesn't Mean**

1. Dead to sin does not mean sinless perfection.

*1<sup>st</sup> John 1:8*

2. Dead to sin does not mean our old nature is gone.

*Galatians 5:17*

**III. What Dead To Sin Does Mean**

1. It means that we are dead to the Power of sin!

- God's grace demands it.
- Christ's victory assures it.
- Your experience confirms it.

*Romans 6:1-2*

*Romans 6:3-4*

*Romans 6:6-7*

**IV. Baptized Believers Should Walk In Newness Of Life!**

*Romans 6:4*

1. God gives us a new song.

*Psalms 40:1-3*

2. God gives us a new spirit.

*Ezekiel 18:31*

3. God gives us a new heart.

*Ezekiel 36:26*

4. God has given us a new self.

*Ephesians 4:24*

5. God makes us a new person.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17*

6. God will give us a new name.

*Revelation 2:17*

7. God will provide for us a new place for eternity.

*Revelation 21:1*

Brothers and sisters, the Christian life is about being new, being different, and being changed. Day by day, week by week, month by month, and year by year, Believers in Christ should be changing to be Christ like. However, the choice is up to you.