

## Change

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### Introduction

1. Text 1 Peter 1:22-25
2. Change is a part of everyone's life.
3. Some changes are inevitable, while others are unanticipated.
4. In the text I want us to consider three things about change;
  - 1) Some things need to change,
  - 2) Some things are changing,
  - 3) Some things never change.
5. Let us study these three things together.

### II Discussion

#### A. Some things need to change. Vs 22

1. The soul needs changing, purifying in this case.
  2. To state that the soul needs purifying supposes some uncleanness and defilement or pollution has infiltrated the soul.
  3. Since all have sinned, Romans 5:12; 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2 and the wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23 we must all change!
  4. The indication is there is something we must do to have our soul purified.
  5. The Bible says that:
    - i. faith purifies our soul, Acts 15:9
    - ii. that hope purifies our soul, 1 John 3:3
    - iii. that obeying the truth purifies our soul. 1 Peter 1:22
  6. Why not obey the truth and be born again. 1 Peter 1:22-23
  7. Some may need to change, yet they will not change.
8. Some things are changing. Vs 24
9. We do change over the years. 2 Samuel 19:34- 35; Ecclesiastes 12:1-7
  10. As the grass withers, so must we. 1 Kings 2:2; Hebrews 9:27
11. Some things never change. Vs 25
12. God's word never changes. Psalm 119:89; Matthew 5:18; 24:35
  13. There are sentinels of warning guarding against changing the Bible. Deuteronomy 4:2 Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:18-19
  14. There is blessed assurance that God's word does not change! 1 Thessalonians 4:18
  15. Obedience to the word of God has always been demanded!
  16. Will you not obey this unchanging word of God today!

### III Conclusion

- a. Some things need change, some things do change, some things never change.
- b. Where do you fit, are you in need of change, yet will never change?
- c. Why not be of the group that needs to change and does.
- d. Come now!

Sources: Funeral sermon preached by someone else; Matthew Henry and Barnes Notes; HBR, 2000