

Creating A Culture Change

Key Scripture: **2 Corinthians 5:17** — *"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

I. Seeing Christ in a New Way of Life

Scriptural Foundation: **2 Corinthians 5:16–17; Philippians 3:7–10**

True culture change begins when we stop seeing Christ through the lens of religion and start seeing Him through the reality of relationship. A transformed vision of Christ leads to a transformed version of self.

Cross-References: **Romans 12:2, Ephesians 1:18, Colossians 3:1–3**

Reflection: Christ isn't just to be seen on Sunday; He must be seen in us daily.

Transition: Once we see Christ clearly, we realize our old ways can no longer steer our decisions.

II. Seeing the Old Ways Not Guiding Our Decisions

Scriptural Foundation: **Ephesians 4:22–24; Romans 6:6–11**

Transformation requires renunciation — we must release what once ruled us. You can't drive forward while staring in the rearview mirror. Old ways hinder holy progress.

Cross-References: **Galatians 2:20, Colossians 2:20, Titus 2:11–12**

Reflection: Yesterday's logic cannot lead today's believer. When Christ governs the heart, the old GPS (Guided by Past Self) loses its signal.

Transition: Once the old no longer guides, the new nature begins to glide — and we see the change both within and around us.

III. Seeing the Changes Within Us and Without Us

Scriptural Foundation: **Colossians 3:9–10; Galatians 5:22–25**

New creatures don't just act differently, they are different. Transformation is both visible and vital. *Christ doesn't do **a surface renovation**; He performs **a soul reconstruction**.*

Eight “C” Characters of Christ

1. Compassionate – **Matthew 9:36a** “When He saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them...”
2. Committed – **Luke 9:51b** “...He determined to journey to Jerusalem.”
3. Courageous – **John 2:15–17** “...He drove everyone out of the temple complex...”
4. Consistent – **Hebrews 13:8** “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
5. Content – **Philippians 4:11** “I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.”
6. Courteous – **1 Peter 3:8–9** “... should love believers, and be compassionate and humble...”
7. Clean-hearted – **Psalms 51:10** “God, create a clean heart for me...”
8. Christ-centered – **John 8:29** “... I always do what pleases Him.”

Theologian’s Insight:

“The church is reformed, and always reforming, according to the Word of God.”— John Calvin (16th-century Reformer)

Reflection: Calvin reminds us that spiritual maturity is not a moment; it’s a movement. Christ calls us to be ever-evolving — letting His Word reform our worldview, worship, and walk. If we’re not reforming, we’re conforming — and Christ didn’t call us to conform but to transform. (**Romans 12:2**)

Conclusion: Living the Culture of Christ

Culture change begins when the new creation in us begins to create a new community around us. When we live like Christ, we lead others to see Christ.

Daily Challenges to Become Better Christlike Christians:

- Check Your Vision – How do I see Christ today?
- Challenge Old Ways – Replace one habit with holiness.
- Cultivate Character – Practice one “C” trait each day.
- Connect in Community – Encourage someone’s walk.
- Confess Daily – Keep your heart pure and teachable.
- Celebrate Growth – Thank God for every small change.
- Carry Christ’s Presence – Set the culture, don’t just survive it.

Final Encouragement: Beloved, culture change is not cosmetic— it’s Christ-matic! When we see Him differently, we live differently. When we live differently, the world begins to believe differently. Let the new creature in you shape the new culture around you!