

Message Notes

Internal Growth Changes Everything

Scripture Passages

Taken from the English Standard Version

Introduction – New Year’s Resolution
FAILS via Twitter

NEW 3-week sermon series:
Growth Changes Everything

Today’s Message:

Week 1 - GCE in Human Hearts:
Internal Growth for External Change

Romans 6:1-23

*We saw this obscure movie ...some French
foreign film.*

“Men like you can never change.”

God’s “resolution” for you
1 Thessalonians 4:3

Grace to save

Romans 3:9-12, 22-26

Grace to sanctify

Romans 6:1-23

-Truth #1 - You’ve been united to Christ
in his death.

-Truth #2 - You’ve been united with
Christ in his resurrection.

Why this union with Christ?

-Truth #3: CHRIST > Sin & Death

Then why do I still wrestle with sin?

Three Commands

THE Truth

-Truth #4: Obeying God leads to righ-
teousness

-Truth #5: Slavery to sin ends in death.

-Truth #6: Slavery to God leads to sancti-
fication and ends in eternal life.

Gospel Application – *“Men like you can
never change.” Really?*

Romans 6:1-23

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grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who
died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all
of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were
baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore
with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as
Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death
like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a
resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self
was crucified with him in order that the body of
sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would
no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died
has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with
Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We
know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never
die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For
the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he
lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider your-
selves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to
make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your
members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness,
but present yourselves to God as those who have
been brought from death to life, and your members
to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will
have no dominion over you, since you are not under law
but under grace.

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under
law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not
know that if you present yourselves to anyone as
obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you
obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedi-
ence, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks
be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have
become obedient from the heart to the standard of teach-
ing to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set
free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19 I am
speaking in human terms, because of your natural limita-
tions. For just as you once presented your members as
slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more
lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves
to righteousness leading to sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in
regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you
getting at that time from the things of which you are
now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22
But now that you have been set free from sin and
have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to
sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of
sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

So, New Year's Resolutions?

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Kate Allen @kaate852

15h

Can't get the taste of spinach out my mouth. How long will this healthy eating last [#resolutionfail](#)

Expand

So, New Year's Resolutions?



Natalia Hilal @NataliaHilal

15h

On that note my dad made my favvv chicken soup, which I can't have 🙄 #vegetarianprobz #NYresolution

Expand

So, New Year's Resolutions?



Danella-Jane @DanellaWatkins

2 Jan

Just made a huge batch of gooey chocolate & hazelnut cookies!!
Why can't I crave grapes or lentils or something? **#ResolutionFAIL**
!!!!

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So, New Year's Resolutions?



Tracie Giles @tracie_giles

22h

Has anyone broken their new years resolutions yet?! I definitely didn't eat half a pack of oreo's last night...[#resolutionfail](#)

Expand



Lacey J @NotEvenMadd

4 Jan

One time I said I was going to crush 2013. The only thing I've 'crushed ' so far this year is a large bag of Potato Chips..

[#ResolutionFail](#)

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So, New Year's Resolutions?



sunipal @sunipal

30 Dec

@GurdeepA @CP24Breakfast Got chair aerobics dvd, busted out the chair, but just ended up SITTING on it to watch the dvd!

#ResolutionFail

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So, New Year's Resolutions?



Joanna Harbin @jojoclare

18h

Workout clothes on, got to the gym, iPod died. 10 minutes later, bored. It was a good try #resolutionfail

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So, New Year's Resolutions?

Percent who never succeed & fail on their resolution each year

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24%

So, New Year's Resolutions?

Percent of people successful in achieving their resolution

So, New Year's Resolutions?

Percent of people successful in achieving their resolution

8%



GROWTH
CHANGES
EVERYTHING

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Church Growth for City Impact**

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Everything
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External Change**



F R E E D O M I S M I N E

Les Misérables

CHRISTMAS DAY

WORKING TITLE



THIS FILM IS NOT YET RATED





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I DREAMED A DREAM

Les Misérables

CHRISTMAS DAY

WORKING TITLE 

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I AM THE LAW

Les Misérables

FROM THE ACADEMY AWARD® WINNING DIRECTOR OF
'THE KING'S SPEECH'

THE MUSICAL PHENOMENON

JANUARY 11

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PRODUCTIONS
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WARNER BROS.

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The Confrontation

VALJEAN

Before you say another word, Javert
Before you chain me up like a slave again
Listen to me! There is something I must do.
This woman leaves behind a suffering child.
There is none but me who can intercede,
In Mercy's name, three days are all I need.
Then I'll return, I pledge my word.
Then I'll return...

The Confrontation

JAVERT

You must think me mad!
I've hunted you across the years
Men like you can never change
A man such as you.

“Men like you can never change.”

God's "resolution" for you

1 Thessalonians 4:3

For this is the will of God, your sanctification

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“Sanctification is a progressive work of God and people that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.”

~Wayne Grudem

God's will: your sanctification

Romans 6:1-23

1 What shall we say then?

What shall we say *then*?

Romans 3:9-12

For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written:

*“None is righteous, no, not one;
no one understands; no one seeks for God.
All have turned aside;
together they have become worthless; no one does
good, not even one.”*

What shall we say *then*?

Romans 3:22b-25

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.



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GRACE TO SAVE



Grace to Save

They (meaning other things, NOT grace) may make men self-justiciaries or hypocrites, not Christians. It grieves me oftentimes to see pour souls, that have a zeal for God and a desire of eternal welfare, kept by such directors and directions under a hard, burdensome, outside worship and service of God, with many specious endeavors for mortification, in an utter ignorance of the righteousness of Christ and unacquaintedness with his Spirit all their days. Persons and things of this kind I know too many.

~John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin*, in *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*, ed. Kelly Kapic and Justin Taylor, 86. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2006.

God's will: your sanctification

Question #1

Romans 6:1-23

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God's will: your sanctification

**Truth #2 – You've been united with Christ
in his resurrection.**

Romans 6:1-23

...in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

God's will: your sanctification

Why this union with Christ?

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6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

God's will: your sanctification

Truth #3: **CHRIST** SIN  **& DEATH**

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Julie: It's like
we're dead to
sin but sin is
not dead to us.



God's will: your sanctification

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13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Present the parts of your body to God

“The first fruit of love is the musing of the mind upon God. He who is in love, his thoughts are ever upon the object...By this we may test our love to God. What are our thoughts most upon?...Oh, how far are they from being lovers of God, who scarcely ever think of God! A sinner crowds God out of his thoughts.”

Thomas Watson,
English preacher and author



God's will: your sanctification

THE Truth

Romans 6:1-23

14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

God's will: your sanctification

Question #2

Romans 6:1-23

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

God's will: your sanctification

Truth #4: Obeying God leads to righteousness
Romans 6:1-23

16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? **17** But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, **18** and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

God's will: your sanctification

Command #3, part 2

Romans 6:1-23

19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

God's will: your sanctification

Truth #5: Slavery to sin ends in death.

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20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **21** But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

God's will: your sanctification

**Truth #6: Slavery to God leads to sanctification
and ends in eternal life.**

Romans 6:1-23

22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Really?

Gospel Application

Have you responded
to the grace of God
which saves?



Gospel Application

**Have you responded to the grace of God
which saves?**

**Are you responding – moment by moment
– to the grace of God
which sanctifies?**