

TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE

In the world are two kinds of people who are accountable for their sin. One kind believes God is changing Himself for their sake due to their actions or beliefs.

The other kind believes that God is changing them "in Christ".

In the church are two kinds of worshipers. One kind believes Jesus is changing God for their sake. The other kind believes Jesus is changing them as they repent.

Humility, repentance, and calling upon Jesus to change us is essential to salvation. There is no other way by which we can be saved. A person must start by believing that Jesus died for their sins, is resurrected, and is able and willing to save. A born again believer should continue as he started by living a lifestyle of humility, repentance, and calling upon Jesus for a changed life. Born again believers are truly "new creations" in Christ.

There are errors in the thinking of some people that lead them to believe that Jesus is changing God for their sake. But God never changes. God is perfect already in His wrath against sin, His love toward mankind, and His mercy and grace toward the repentant.

God does not need to change His attitude toward anyone. God does not need to be appeased of His wrath. God does not need to be persuaded or paid off to forgive. God does not need His justice to be satisfied by killing the innocent to clear the guilty. God does not need to punish Jesus in the place of the guilty.

These errors lead some people to have a false start by believing in a false Jesus. Believing in a Jesus who changes God for their sake will not lead to salvation.

These errors lead some born again believers to think that God excuses their sin and they drift into unrepentant living and must be disciplined by the hand of God.

The Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world. I marvel that you are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. Galatians 1:4-6

