

# Change of Heart

Can people from Ethiopia change their skin?

Can leopards change their spots?

It's the same with you.

You have always done what is evil.

So how can you do what is good?

Jeremiah 13:23

<sup>10</sup> It is written,  
“No one is right with God, no one at all.

Romans 3:10

Foolish people say in their hearts,

“There is no God.”

They do all kinds of horrible and evil things.

No one does anything good.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven  
on all people.

He wants to see if there are any who understand.

He wants to see if there are any who trust in God.

<sup>3</sup> All of them have turned away.

They have all become evil.

No one does anything good,

no one at all.

Psalms 14:1-3

# Christians are called to be different

Ephesians 4:17-24

<sup>17</sup> Here is what I'm telling you. I am speaking for the Lord as I warn you. You must no longer live as the Gentiles do. Their thoughts don't have any purpose. <sup>18</sup> They can't understand the truth. They are separated from the life of God. That's because they don't know him. And they don't know him because their hearts are stubborn.

<sup>19</sup> They have lost all feeling for what is right. So they have given themselves over to all kinds of evil pleasures. They take part in every kind of unclean act. And they are full of greed.

<sup>20</sup> But that is not the way of life in Christ that you learned about.

<sup>21</sup> You heard about Christ and were taught about life in him. what you learned was the truth about Jesus. <sup>22</sup> You were taught not to live the way you used to. You must get rid of your old way of life. That's because it has been made impure by the desire for things that lead you astray. <sup>23</sup> You were taught to be made new in your thinking. <sup>24</sup> You were taught to start living a new life. It is created to be truly good and holy, just as God is.

# The sons of thunder

Mark 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> So Jesus appointed the 12 disciples.

Simon was one of them. Jesus gave him the name Peter.

<sup>17</sup> There were James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John.  
Jesus gave them the name Boanerges. Boanerges means Sons of Thunder.

<sup>51</sup> The time grew near for Jesus to be taken up to heaven. So he made up his mind to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> He sent messengers on ahead. They went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people there did not welcome Jesus. That was because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> The disciples James and John saw this. They asked, “Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to destroy them?” <sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and commanded them not to do it. <sup>56</sup> Then Jesus and his disciples went on to another village.

Luke 9: 51-55

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

1 John 3:11

<sup>3</sup> We know that we have come to know God if we obey his commands. <sup>4</sup> Suppose someone says, “I know him.” But suppose this person does not do what God commands. Then this person is a liar and is not telling the truth

1 John 2:3

<sup>9</sup> Suppose someone claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister. Then they are still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light. There is nothing in them to make them fall into sin. <sup>11</sup> But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness. They walk around in the darkness. They don't know where they are going. The darkness has made them blind.

1 John 2: 9-11

The answer is to surrender

The changes in behavior are the result of believing in  
God and Surrendering our life to him.

The word of God has a transformational power to renew  
our minds and help us to have the mind of Christ.

## Philippians 2: 6-11

<sup>6</sup> In his very nature he was God.

Jesus was equal with God. But Jesus didn't take advantage of that fact.

<sup>7</sup> Instead, he made himself nothing.

He did this by taking on the nature of a servant.

He was made just like human beings.

<sup>8</sup> He appeared as a man.

He was humble and obeyed God completely.

He did this even though it led to his death.

Even worse, he died on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> So God lifted him up to the highest place.

God gave him the name that is above every name.

<sup>10</sup> When the name of Jesus is spoken, everyone will kneel down to worship him.

Everyone in heaven and on earth and under the earth will kneel down to worship him.

<sup>11</sup> Everyone's mouth will say that Jesus Christ is Lord.

And God the Father will receive the glory.