



“Will I Ever Change?”

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“God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

Ephesians 2:8-10, NLT

Action Steps for Change...

1. Embrace the big picture

“And what God wants is for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.”

Hebrews 10:10, NLT

“So set yourselves apart to be holy, for I, the Lord, am your God. Keep all my laws and obey them, for I am the Lord, who makes you holy.”

Leviticus 20:7-8, NLT

“What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!”

2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT

“Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope.”

Ephesians 3:20, NLT

2. Cooperate with the Artist

“I’m not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don’t

get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward – to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back."
Philippians 3:12-14, Message

3. Accept the unique process

"And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again."

Philippians 1:6, NLT

4. Appreciate the Master's work

"O Lord my God, you have done many miracles for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them."

Psalms 40:5, NLT

"I'll give you a new heart, put a new spirit in you. I'll remove the stone heart from you body and replace it with a heart that's God-willed, not self-willed. I'll put my Spirit in you and make it possible for you to do what I tell you and live by My commands."

Ezekiel 36:26-27, Message