

# Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

## Part 3 – “The Possibility of Change”

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**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

The life the Apostle \_\_\_\_\_ lived \_\_\_\_\_ to becoming a Christian was not one he was \_\_\_\_\_ of. He was a hardhearted \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ Christians, and who \_\_\_\_\_ them for their belief in Christ often to the \_\_\_\_\_ of death. But then he met the Savior, and his life took a new \_\_\_\_\_. Many, even among Christians, who knew his \_\_\_\_\_ didn't believe that such a change was \_\_\_\_\_ let alone \_\_\_\_\_. (*See Acts 9:10-19.*) But nothing shall be impossible with God! So, what is that \_\_\_\_\_ habit that has a hold on your life, or that bad \_\_\_\_\_ that is like a \_\_\_\_\_ in your side that you can't seem to overcome or get rid of? Can God really fix that \_\_\_\_\_? If so, why doesn't He just do it? Before we continue let us open our hearts to God \_\_\_\_\_.

### Is Change Possible?

1. How does Paul \_\_\_\_\_ himself before his conversion? *Gal. 1:11-16;20;Acts 22:4-5*
2. Can Paul relate with my \_\_\_\_\_, my ups and downs as a Christian? *Rom. 7:14-8:2*
3. What conditions does Paul say can be made \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ? *1 Cor. 6:9-11*
4. What does Paul \_\_\_\_\_ daily for lasting change? *Roman 12:1-1; 1 Cor. 15:31*
5. Why is Christ knocking on the \_\_\_\_\_ of your heart? *Revelation 3:20*

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Many are inquiring, “How am I to make the surrender of myself to God?” You desire to give yourself to Him, but you are weak in moral power, in slavery to doubt, and controlled by the habits of your life of sin. Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand. You cannot control your thoughts, your impulses, your affections. The knowledge of your broken promises and forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in your own sincerity, and causes you to feel that God cannot accept you; but you need not despair. What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him. – **Steps to Christ**, p.47

***Let God have control of your heart; your Change is Possible!***