

"How's Your 'Change' Now?"

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Soon after the previous presidential election, when people began to realize that the **true** President Obama was nothing like what he campaigned to be, many naysayers responded with the question: "**How's your 'change' now?**" The implication was that many who had been duped into voting for Mr. Obama were regretting their choice to support so-called "*change*"!

Yes, it was certainly time for "*change*" in Washington, but one has to be sure of the **kind** of "*change*" one is getting before blindly voting for it! Change for the sake of change is absurd. Change for the worse is even more absurd! So let us learn a lesson here. When we are favoring "*change*," whether in the government, in the schools, in the local church, or in ourselves **first be sure of the kind of change you're getting!**

Once I remember hearing of a Christian who was commenting on the **need(?)** for a change of preachers in a congregation in another state. Discussing that matter with my father, he sagely commented: "*A change for what other preacher?*" In his many years of preaching, he knew of a few congregations who made a "*change*" and later regretted it.

So what is my point in this article? (Here comes the curve ball!) When most people speak of "*change*," sadly they have in mind the **change** of others! It is so very rare that you hear of such people who humbly confess that the change needed is in themselves. Those who obeyed the Gospel in the past first had to commit to "*change*" in themselves. It is called "*repentance*" and it is commanded by God of all men (Acts 17:30-31). However, let's be sure that the *changing process* wasn't aborted soon after our spiritual birth! Even Paul warned that we need to examine ourselves to see if we are still in the faith (2 Cor. 13:5). He was suggesting that some had not *changed enough*, or had *stopped the process*, or had thought that *they were done*. As God's people we need to remember that we are in continual need of repentance (change) until we are perfected in Christ. And **that change**, dear reader, will not be completed this side of eternity. So, how's your change now?!

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