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Title : **The Great Makeover**
Scripture : **2 Corinthians 5:17**

INTRODUCTION

- There is a innate desire for change for the better
- This is reflected by the current fascination with makeovers on reality TV
- Buildings - Restaurant makeover, Home makeover
 - Careers - The Apprentice
 - Talents - American Idol
 - Vehicles - "Pimp my ride"
 - Personal Appearance - "Greatest Loser"
- Paul notes that the only true change comes from our relationship with Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:16-17)
- The Possibility of Change
 - The nature of God – He is a God of Compassion (2 Corinthians 4:1)

Compassion means loving deeply, being merciful and involves being touched by the frustration of a person in need and caring enough to become involved. It is helping someone in need so that his life is set on a fresh new course

 - God is said to be "compassionate" (Judges 2:18, Exodus 3:7-8)
 - Jesus had compassion on the lost (Matthew 14:14, Mark 1:41, Luke 15:20)
 - The Holy Spirit ministers grace, life and wisdom (Hebrews 10:29, Romans 8:2, 2 Corinthians 3:6)
 - The plan of God – (2 Corinthians 4:2,17)
 - He wants to reconcile us to Himself (2 Corinthians 5:18,19)
 - He wants to transform us into the image of His son (2 Corinthians 3:18)
 - He wants to prepare us for eternity with Him (2 Corinthians 4:17,18, 5:1)
- The Provision for Change
 - The Word of God provides us with a basis to believe and trust (2 Corinthians 4:13 c.f. Psalm 116:10)
 - The Work of the Son on the cross conquered "death" (2 Corinthians 4: 7-10)
 - The Power of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:17,18, 5:5)
- The Appropriation of Change
 - Desire Change – long for something of greater meaning, value and purpose (2 Corinthians 5:1)
 - Pray for change – seek God's intervention (2 Corinthians 5:2)
 - Let go of that which needs to change.
The ways of the world are incompatible with the ways of God. (2 Corinthians 5:1-4 c.f. Matthew 9:12-16)