

# What Causes Churches To Change?

- Introduction:
1. Change is not inherently evil.
  2. Change can be, and often is a good thing, but it is seldom comfortable.
  3. We need to be willing to change in matters of indifference and opinion, but oppose change that takes us away from God's will.

## I. Biblical Warnings About Change

- A. (Acts 20:29)
- B. (2 Thessalonians 2:3,7)
- C. (1 Timothy 4:1)
- D. (Hebrews 2:1)

## II. Things That Can Cause Change In The Church

- A. Elders (Acts 20:29-30).
- B. Members (Hebrews 13:7,17).
- C. Preachers (1 Timothy 6:5).
- D. Religious Influences.
  1. Relativism (John 17:17; Matthew 24:35).
  2. Postmodernism (Hosea 4:6).
  3. Ecumenicism (1 Timothy 4:16).
- E. Worldliness.
  1. Entertainment reigns supreme (Psalm 29:2).
  2. Immorality (Galatians 5:19-21).
  3. Priorities (Matthew 16:26).

- Conclusion:
1. Churches can change. In fact, seldom do they remain static. But it's my prayer that the change is for the best.
  2. If we are to avoid these negative changes listed above, we need:
    - a. An alert, informed eldership.
    - b. A biblical, balanced preacher.
    - c. And a membership that will be satisfied with nothing short of "seeing Jesus" from the pulpit and in their daily lives.