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Faith Builder

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“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”
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 - Does America promote any of the things on the list? How?
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3. **Used to...** — Ephesians 2:1-5
*“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you **used to** live when you followed the ways of this world...”*
 - God is rich in **mercy**

“Okay, so what changes do I need to make?”

Let’s read these passages out loud and underline changes that we need to make now that we are a new creation in Christ.

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What changes do you personally need to make to be more holy?

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I got the necklace and the key chain
And almost everything a good Christian needs, yeah
I got the little Bible magnets on my refrigerator door
And a welcome mat to bless you
before you walk across my floor
I got a Jesus bumper sticker
And the outline of a fish stuck on my car
And even though this stuff's all well and good, yeah
I cannot help but ask myself ...

What about the change
What about the difference
What about the grace
What about forgiveness
What about a life that's showing
I'm undergoing the change, yeah
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And I got this way of living that I
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