

**Palmetto Baptist Church – August 13, 2017**

**Growing and Going God's Way – Embracing Biblical Change**

## **I. Understand your fallen condition.**

- **I Corinthians 15:9** (written in Ephesus during Paul's third missionary journey in A.D. 55)
  - **"the least of the apostles"**
- **Ephesians 3:8** (written 5-7 years later from prison in Rome sometime between A.D. 60-62)
  - **"the least of the saints"**
- **I Timothy 1:15** (written approximately 2 years later...after Paul's release from prison in A.D. 64)
  - **"the chief of sinners"**

## **II. Rest in divine intervention. (2 Corinthians 3:18)**

- A. **The need for change is universal.** – "But we all..."
- B. **The means of change is supernatural.** – "But we all **with open face...**"
- C. **The process of change is incremental.** – "From one shade of glory to another..."

## **III. Take responsibility for your actions. (Romans 6:1-14)**

- A. **Stop making excuses.** (1-2)
- B. **Embrace your connection with Christ.** (3-5)
- C. **Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.** (6-14)

### **Application:**

- **See your need to change.**
- **Rest in divine enabling.**
- **Take steps toward identification with Christ.**
- **Regularly surrender your members to God.**