

**BEGINNINGS— *EMBRACE
CHANGE IN OUR LIVES***

Luke 5:36-39

Lk. 5:36-39 36 He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. 37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. 38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39 And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, ‘The old is good.’”

1. JESUS' STATEMENT ABOUT NEW VS OLD.

1. This is what *not to do* with new things.
 - A. **Ignore** “new” (New cloth can patch old cloth.)
 - B. **Conclude** “newness” **doesn't matter.** (New wine and old wine are the same.)
 - C. **Conclude – I hate change –** I will do what I've always done.
 - 5:36, “the old is good.”

IS JESUS CALLING US TO BE AGENTS OF COMPASSION .

- Classroom, athletic fields, band or orchestra, workplace:
 - Encourager to the trodden
 - Friend to the lonely
 - Light in the darkness
 - Salt of the earth

CHRIST'S 1ST "NEW WINE"

A. God loves the whole world, *even the "untouchables."*

1. Tax collector. 5:27; 19:7 (Zacchaeus)
2. Tax collector friends – "others." 5:30
3. Poor in spirit – Matt 5:3
4. Liberty to the captives – Luke 4:18

CHRIST'S 2ND "NEW WINE"

B. Jesus **adds value** not rules!

- John 10:10,... I came that they might have life, and have it to the full,
- John 14.6, I am the way, the truth **and the life** and no one comes to the Father but through me.

CHRIST'S 3RD "NEW WINE"

- C. The steadfast love of Christ is my encouragement; his love motivates.
- 2 Cor. 5:14-15 For the love of christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. (ESV)

QUESTIONS FOR YOU:

1. Do you really believe that Jesus loves you?
2. Is there any area in your life that He might describe as in need of “new wine”?
3. Are you resisting or embracing change in that area?