

Change Your World

Quick: Name five Christians who literally changed the world by their presence (or, as young people might say, five Christians who “rocked their world”).

Here are five who would be on many people’s lists:

- **Martin Luther**, German professor of theology, composer, priest and former monk, who was a seminal figure in the Protestant Reformation.
- **John Wesley**, Anglican minister and theologian who, with his brother Charles and fellow cleric George Whitfield, is credited with the foundation of the evangelical movement known as Methodism.
- **William Wilberforce**, English politician, philanthropist, and a leader of the movement to abolish slavery.
- **C.S. Lewis**, British novelist, poet, academic, lay theologian, and Christian apologist, best-known for his fictional work, especially *The Screwtape Letters* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and for his non-fiction Christian apologetics, such as *Mere Christianity* and *Miracles*.
- **Billy Graham**, American evangelist principally known for hosting Billy Graham Crusades around the world and who has preached the gospel to more people in person than anyone in the history of Christianity. It is estimated that more than 3.2 million people have responded to Graham’s invitation to “accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior.”

None of these men set out to change the world; they set out to obey God one step at a time.

This could also be said of the man who – besides Jesus Christ – is the greatest world-changer in history, **the apostle Paul**.

Ironically, Paul set out to keep his world from being changed. He was content with being a Pharisee – keeping the law and making sure others did, too. He didn’t like the changes the itinerant preacher, Jesus of Nazareth, was proposing.

But when confronted by Jesus in all His glory, Paul’s world was changed – and the whole world was changed as well.

What does it take to impact *your* part of the world, or the whole world, for Christ? If we use Paul as an example, we would have to say unreserved obedience. Jesus told Paul to take the gospel to the Gentile world, and that’s exactly what he did.

What has God directed you to do? God orders our steps, and He has called you to be faithful in the purpose for which He created you.

In Life Care and Century Park, we have been given the opportunity to change the world of those entrusted to us. And in so doing, our part of the world – that called health care – is slowly changed by the process.

These who have turned the world upside down have come here too (Acts 17:6 NKJV).

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