

Everybody gets to grow and change

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What's the gospel in seven words? We asked theologians, pastors and others both to answer this question and to expand on this in a few sentences. To see all the responses together as they're posted, bookmark [this page](#). Add your own version [here](#). --Ed.

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But not everyone *will* grow and change. On many days, I'm the fly struggling and stuck to the kitchen counter, in a spot of jelly that seemed like the ideal sweet landing spot at the time. It'll take a miracle to get me unstuck. By following Jesus, I join a long line of sinners who want, but do not deserve, much more out of life than the sum of our own actions. By ignoring him, I'm stuck in my own results.