

JANUARY 23

“WHEN WE ARE BORN AGAIN, OUR LIVES MUST CHANGE DRASTICALLY.”

READ

Romans 5:20-21, Romans 6:12-14

Gospel preaching has become so diluted. We are presented with the truth that he who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, but that's not all that the Scriptures teach. It's not only calling on the Lord, it's following after the Lord, pursuing Him, hungering for righteousness, longing for holiness. So many people have the idea that they can just say, "Save me, Jesus," declare "I am a Christian," and then continue to live the way they were living. What makes us think that just because we say, "Save me Jesus," that He now approves of the things He used to disapprove of? It doesn't work that way. When we are born again, when the Spirit of Jesus comes into us, our lives must change and they must change drastically. There is a lifestyle you must live. There is fruit you must bear. There are proofs and evidence that are vital and visible results of walking with Jesus. If you are born again, you don't live a life of sin anymore. When you come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through grace and faith, a realization takes place: I am living for Jesus.

PRAY

Jesus, You brought me out of a horrible pit and set my feet on a rock. You have called me out of darkness into Your marvelous light. I should be living like it! Make me uncomfortable with sin. May I flee the very appearance of evil. Let my life praise You.

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