

**DAY 7****What Is the Evidence?****God's Word for Today**

Read 2 Corinthians 13:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 5:19-25

**Thoughts for Today**

Missionaries in the Shantung Province of China in the late 1920's began to wonder if many church members had only intellectually responded to Christ but had never repented and been transformed by Christ. An Evangelical Lutheran Missionary named Marie Monsen began asking people three questions:

1. Have you been born of the Spirit?
2. What evidence do you have of this new birth? 3. Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit?

When people began looking for the evidence in their lives that they had become new creations, many realized there was no evidence. Their lives were no different than all the people around them. Convicted by their lost condition, many repented of their sin and placed their trust in Christ. Even some church leaders and some missionaries realized they had never been changed by Christ.

Others knew they had faith in Christ, but they had no evidence of His power in their lives or in their witness for Christ. Many prayed, fasted, and cried out to God for the filling of His Spirit. They confessed and repented of the sins and impurities in their lives that quenched the Holy Spirit's work in and through them. As God began to reveal His power to change lives, the gospel began to spread and a revival and awakening began to spread rapidly through the province.

**It's Time to Pray**

1. Review those three questions and ask God to reveal to you the truth about your life. "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith" (2 Cor. 13:5). Examine the fruit of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit in your life. Are you a new creation? Have you been filled with His Spirit and power?
2. Ask God what He wants you to do today to apply what He has revealed. What actions will you take?
3. Pray today by name for a person who has yet to believe in Christ as Savior. List the name on page 25 and see page 24 for ways to pray.