

Reborn

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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*16 For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is the **power of God for salvation to everyone who believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

—Romans 1:16 (ESV)

*17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creation. The old has passed away; behold, the **new** has come.*

—2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

The Gospel CHANGES Us...

10 I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment.

—Philemon 1:10 (ESV)

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ...That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

—John 3:3,6 (ESV)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved—

—Ephesians 2:4-5 (ESV)

1. From Spiritually DEAD To Spiritually ALIVE

If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

—1 John 2:29 (ESV)

No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

—1 John 3:9 (ESV)

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

—1 John 5:4 (ESV)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

—1 John 4:7 (ESV)

(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.)

—Philemon 1:11 (ESV)

2. From the Cause of SELF To The Cause of CHRIST

14 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.

—2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (ESV)

“A Christian isn't someone who prayed a prayer and tries hard to be good. Instead, a Christian is someone whose heart has been transformed by God's grace, who is characterized by repentance and faith, who desires to be with God and know him more.”

— Michael Lawrence, senior pastor of Hinson Baptist Church in Portland, OR.