



Does the lack of _____ cause us to settle for outward religiosity instead of experiencing real change from the inside out?

Scripture: Mark 1:4-8 and Mark 1:14-15

- A. There's a difference between then and _____
- B. You can experience a measure of "up there, down here" _____
- C. You can become in practice, not perfection the person God wants you to be _____
- D. Jesus isn't just for when we die, He helps us _____

Summary: The person of the _____ - _____
EMPOWERS us to live the life Jesus died for!

Practical:

- 1. He's a part of the _____ deal.
 - Ephesians 1:13-14 ● Matthew 28:19 ● Ephesians 4:4-6
- 2. Our relationship with Him:
 - It's not a P _____
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 - It's a P _____

Challenge:

Will you settle for religiosity or will you seek to be changed from the inside out?

Mark 1:4-8 (NIV)

4And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 6John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:14-16 (NIV)

14After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Ephesians 3:16-20 (NLT)

16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. 17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. 18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Ephesians 1:13-14

13 You also became believers in Christ. That happened when you heard the message of truth. It was the good news about how you could be saved. When you believed, he marked you with a seal. The seal is the Holy Spirit that he promised.

14 The Spirit marks us as God's own. We can now be sure that someday we will receive all that God has promised. That will happen after God sets all of his people completely free. All of those things will bring praise to his glory.

Matthew 28:19

19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Ephesians 4:4-6

4There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.