



desert breeze community church

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Jesusology

“Brand New Life”

Mark 2:13-22

The Christian life is not the rehabilitation or a remodeling of your present life. It is regeneration, a brand new life. It's not a moral restrained will but a supernaturally transformed heart. A caterpillar becomes a butterfly. (Mark 2:21-22; 2 Cor. 5:17)

“Regeneration is the theological term used to describe the rebirth. It refers to a new generating, a new genesis, a new beginning. It is more than turning over a new leaf; it marks the beginning of a new life in a radically renewed person.” (R.C. Sproul – Essential truths of the Christian Faith)

A Brand New Life in Christ...

Mark 2:13-22

1) Begins with a CALL. (v14)

- To be a Christian is to be called. (Mark 1:16-20; Rom. 8:28, 30)
- Not everyone has the same call experience. (John 3 Nicodemus [Direct], John 4 Woman at the well [Indirect], John 9 Man born blind [Subsequent meetings])
- To be called means you are no longer in control. (Luke 6:46-49; John 21:18-22)

2) Is sustained through COMMUNION. (vv15-16)

- The Christian life is not a destination but a life long journey. (2 Pet. 3:18; Heb. 11:6; 2 Pet. 1:5-9)
- This means taking Jesus home with you. He infiltrates every area of your life. (John 15:1-17; Rom. 8:5-8)

- Don't underestimate the power of community for character transformation. You will become like the people you eat with the most. (1 Cor. 15:33; Luke 6:43-45; Rev. 3:20)

3) Overflows with COMPASSION. (v17; Matt. 9:9-13)

- To the degree I see the reality of my spiritual poverty is to the degree my life is filled with unspeakable joy for God's saving grace. (Luke 6:37-50)
- The mark that I really have contact with Jesus' saving grace is mercy not sacrifice. (Sacrificial system: Intellectualism, formalism, legalism, mysticism. Mark 7:6; Ps. 50) (Mercy: Love, service and compassion for people not like you. 1 Cor. 13:1-8; John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:16-18; Matt. 5:43-48)

4) Is COMPELLED by Love. (vv18-20)

Fasting was associated with mourning or times of great spiritual need. Weddings are times of feasting, love, joy and great celebration.

- The motivation to live this new life is overwhelming love. (1 John 4:19; 2 Cor. 5:14)
- It is arranging my life around the activities that increase my capacity to experience His presence and live for His Glory. (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor. 10:31)



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1) How do you think most people see the Christian life: Rehabilitation or Brand New Life? What's the difference? What metaphor in Mark 2:21-22 does Jesus use to describe this Brand New Life?

2) This Brand New Life in Christ begins with a "Call". Explain. (Mark 1:16-20; 2:14) Will everyone have the same call experience? To be called means you are no longer in control (Lordship). What is Lordship according to these verses (Luke 6:46-49; John 21:18-22)?

3) How is this Brand New Life in Christ sustained? Why is it important to know that this new life is not a destination but a life long journey? Explain the power of community for character transformation? (1 Cor. 15:33; Luke 6:43-45; Rev. 3:20)

4) Why is it true that to the degree I see the reality of my spiritual poverty is to the degree my life is filled with unspeakable joy for God's saving grace (Luke 6:37-50)? What's the mark of someone who is living in contact with Jesus' saving grace? Explain.

5) Are wedding times for fasting or feasting? Why is Jesus using a wedding as a metaphor for those who follow Him (vv18-20)? What should our motivation be in following Christ? What is God speaking to you through this study? Make it your prayer.