

“Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis Book 4 – Beyond Personality, Chapter 10: “Nice People Or New Men”

Through Christ, you will become perfect. In love, wisdom, joy, beauty, and immortality.

What does this mean and where are you now?

Is your conversion sincere or imaginary? What has changed in your life?

When we act in non-Christian ways, we make Christianity unbelievable. Where is your fruit?

Fruit: **Psalm 1:3** – “He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its **fruit** in season and whose leaf does not wither.”

Proverbs 11:29-30 – “He who brings trouble on his family will inherit only wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise. The **fruit** of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.”

Math 3:10 – “The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good **fruit** will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Rev 22:1-2 – “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of **fruit**, yielding its **fruit** every month.

1. The world is not simply divided in two, Christians and non-Christians.
2. Everyone is on a different course or path.
3. Niceness is a gift from God, not a gift to God.

Chapter 11: “The New Men”

Turning horses into winged creatures.

Evolution: Our spiritual life is an evolution as we grow and are formed.

As the dinosaurs did not evolve into greater armored creatures dominating the world, man may not evolve into what is expected...ie. brainy humans to brainier humans.

Change in history comes from the outside.

1. It is not carried on by sexual reproduction.
2. It is not forced upon us as in the past, but voluntary.
3. Christ infects man by His personal contact.
4. Christianity is in its teething stage, just getting started.
5. A baby would rather stay in the womb. But it would die. The birth will happen.

Recognize the holy:

1. They love you more than other men.
2. Their voices and faces are different from others; stronger, quieter, happier, & radiant.
3. They are not of the religious type.
4. They do not draw attention to themselves.
5. They appear to have a lot of time.
6. They recognize one another.

To become a New Man, one must lose himself.

Math. 10:39 – Jesus said

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Living with Christ in you makes you become you, and not society, your upbringing, or the world making you.

“Give up yourself, and you will find your real self.”