

WELCOME PLACE A, B, C'S

BECOME

VIDEO – BECOME

In the VIDEO there was a change in Emily's driving... In the beginning, she was reckless & distracted... At the end she had BECOME a responsible driver, THERE WAS A CHANGE.

When we ACCEPT Jesus Christ as LORD & SAVIOR a CHANGE happens in us. The Apostle Paul wrote, **“This means that anyone who BELONGS to Christ has BECOME a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has BEGUN!”** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

How has your life changed since you ACCEPTED CHRIST?

CHANGE isn't always easy... It can be difficult to CHANGE our diets, routines and even our OLD WAYS... The Bible uses a word that calls for CHANGE. That word is REPENTANCE.

We read in Matthew chapter 4 verse 17, **‘From then on Jesus began to preach, “REPENT of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”**(Matthew 4:17)

Peter preached, **“Each of you must REPENT of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of THE HOLY SPIRIT.”** (Acts 2:38)

REPENTANCE is a CHANGE of MIND that results in a CHANGE of ACTION. When we ACCEPT our need for Jesus and RECEIVE the GIFT of life, a CHANGE OF MIND happens. We surrender ourselves to THE LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ, asking HIM to lead our life. We CELEBRATE the NEW LIFE in BAPTISM. Being buried in the waters of BAPTISM represents our old lives being put to death and a NEW LIFE BEGINNING.

With a NEW LIFE BEGINNING, we get a NEW START.

READ Romans 12:1, 2

What are we commanded NOT TO DO in Romans 12:1, 2?

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What are some of the world's BEHAVIORS & CUSTOMS in life?
(eg. Dating, friendships, talk, etc.)

What are GOD'S instructions for our lives?

For your life to BECOME everything God wills it to be, you must *let God TRANSFORM you into a NEW PERSON by CHANGING the way you THINK. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

God RENEWS our minds through HIS WORD. Is there anything in your Life Jesus wants to CHANGE about the way you THINK?

Just as Emily has BECOME a good driver... JESUS calls those who BELONG to HIM to BECOME new people. *The OLD life is gone; a NEW life has BEGUN... **The NEW LIFE is GOOD.***

WHAT IS GOOD ABOUT THE NEW LIFE?

As we said in the beginning, CHANGE ISN'T EASY. Therefore, GOD gives us HIS HOLY SPIRIT... The Holy Spirit gives those who BELONG to Jesus the POWER to LIVE A NEW LIFE. Jesus said, "**The HOLY SPIRIT comes and fills you with POWER FROM HEAVEN.**" (Luke 24:49)

ARE YOU TAPPING into THE POWER from HEAVEN that is in YOU?

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THIS POWER AT WORK?

WHERE DO WE NEED THE POWER OF HEAVEN?

If we are going to BECOME the NEW PEOPLE of GOD, we need to hear God. WE hear God when we read the Bible. Commit to reading your Bible every day. If you are not already reading your Bible daily, start with the Book of Luke. After you have read Luke, read Acts. Luke will give you an introduction to walking with Jesus, Acts will introduce you to the ACTS of the New Testament Church.

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