

What is a Changed Life?

Introduction B ---The Process Of Change!

I Corinthians 2:15-3:4

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Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to **mature Christians**. I had to talk as though you as though you belonged to this world³ **for you are still controlled by your own sinful desires**. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your own desires? You are acting like people who don't belong to the Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to mature Christians. I had to talk as though you were **infants in the Christian life**. I had to feed you with milk and not with solid food, because you couldn't handle anything stronger.

WE ARE A _____!

²³ Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be kept blameless until that day when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. I Thessalonians 5:23

BODY=Communicate with our _____ **SOUL** =Communicate with _____
SPIRIT= Communicate with _____ (Hebrews 4:12)

When Adam sinned, **sin entered the entire human** race. Adam's sin brought death, so **death spread to everyone for everyone sinned**. Romans 5:12

_____ **Unbeliever** This is all people born without the Holy Spirit as sinners

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Once you were **dead**, doomed forever because of your many sins. ² You used to live just like the rest of the **world**, full of sin, **obeying Satan**, the mighty prince of the power of the air. He is the spirit at work **in the hearts** of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, **following the passions and desires of our evil nature**. We were **born with an evil nature**, and we were under God's anger just like everyone else. Ephesians 2:1-3

When the Natural Unbeliever understands (intellect) God's plan of Salvation and God convicts us (emotions) and ask Him into our Hearts (will) and we become a....

Believer A newborn needs extra care, special food and lots of love

*3 Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to mature Christians. I had to talk**as though you were infants** in the Christian life. I had to feed you with milk and not with solid food, because you couldn't handle anything stronger.*

*2 You must crave pure spiritual **milk** (of the Word --KJV) so that you can **grow** into the fullness of your salvation. **Cry out for this nourishment as a baby cries for milk,** ³ now that you have had **a taste** of the Lord's kindness. I Peter 2:2-3*

When a Baby Believer starts feeding on the Word and obeying the Spirit, this Newborn becomes.....

Believer This is a believer that is growing by reading the Word/Prayer

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*²² But when the **Holy Spirit controls** our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23*

So far you could say these are all normal steps, but there is one that is ABNORMAL and it is....

Believer This is the believer who has REFUSED to grow

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When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evil results: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, ²⁰ idolatry, participation in demonic activities, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin. Galatians 5:18-21

SO WHICH ARE YOU?

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| 1. Natural Unbeliever | Next Step Receive Christ |
| 2. Baby Christian | Next Step Feed on the Word |
| 3. Growing Spirit-led Believer | Next Step Have Babies |
| 4. Sin Nature-Controlled Believer | Next Step Confess and do Step #2 |

ANSWERS:
Trinity, Environment, Others, God, Natural,
Newborn, Normal, Abnormal