

CHANGING WATER TO WINE

[How To Allow Christ Change Your Life]

(John 2:1-11)

- Introduction:
1. I think that we are all agreed that our lives need some changing (Romans 6:23).
 2. Christ can change your life (II Corinthians 5:17).
 3. Even after obeying the gospel we must continue to change.
 4. I think several points can be discovered answering the question of how can Christ change my life for the better.

I. Misconceptions Concerning This Passage

- A. Drinking Alcohol As A Beverage Is Acceptable.
1. The Greek word (oinos), that is translated wine can refer to either fermented or unfermented juice from the vine.
 2. (Habakkuk 2:15).
- B. This Was The First Miracle Jesus Ever Performed.
1. (John 2:11) This passage states that it was the first miracle that he performed in Cana of Galilee.
 2. However, in (John 1:43-51) Jesus made a miraculous manifestation to Nathanael, but this was in Judea, not Galilee.

II. Don't Live A Lie Any Longer

- A. In the Bible, wine is a symbol of joy (Psalms 104:15).
- B. What Jesus turned into wine was not ordinary drinking water, but water that we today would call "bath water."
- C. Many today are drinking "bath water" and trying to convince themselves that they are enjoying it.
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| 1. Alcoholism. | 4. 4,000 babies aborted every day. |
| 2. Drug Abuse. | 5. 70,000 teachers assaulted each year. |
| 3. Sexual Promiscuity. | 6. Crime. |
- D. Even the religious are drinking "bath water."
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| 1. Legalism. | 3. Grace Alone. |
| 2. Works Salvation. | 4. Substitute For God's Patterns. |
- E. The answer to true joy is not to be found in any of these avenues; we must let Jesus change our lives.

III. How To Let Jesus Change Your Life

- A. *Recognize Your Need Of Him (2:3).*
1. The proud will never be changed by Jesus; we must humble ourselves.
 2. (Matthew 5:3).
 3. (Romans 10:3).
- B. *Obey His Commands (2:5).*
1. Never, throughout the entirety of the Bible did anyone receive a blessing of God until He obeyed what he was told to do.
 2. Have this attitude: "As I learn, I will obey."
- C. *Serve Him Zealously (2:7).*
1. When you serve God, serve Him with all your might.
 2. (Matthew 22:37).

3. Some try to put very little in and get a lot out.
- D. ***Remember That Jesus Has Saved The Best Till Last (2:10).***
1. As good as our life in Christ is at this point (John 10:10), it will be better later.
 2. (Revelation 21:1-4).

- Conclusion:
1. Jesus wants you to experience joy in this life and the greater joy that will follow the end of this life.
 2. But He will not force this joy on you; you must be willing to accept it.