

# **JESUS – A Cause For Celebration And Change**

**Mark 2: 18-22**

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## Verse 18

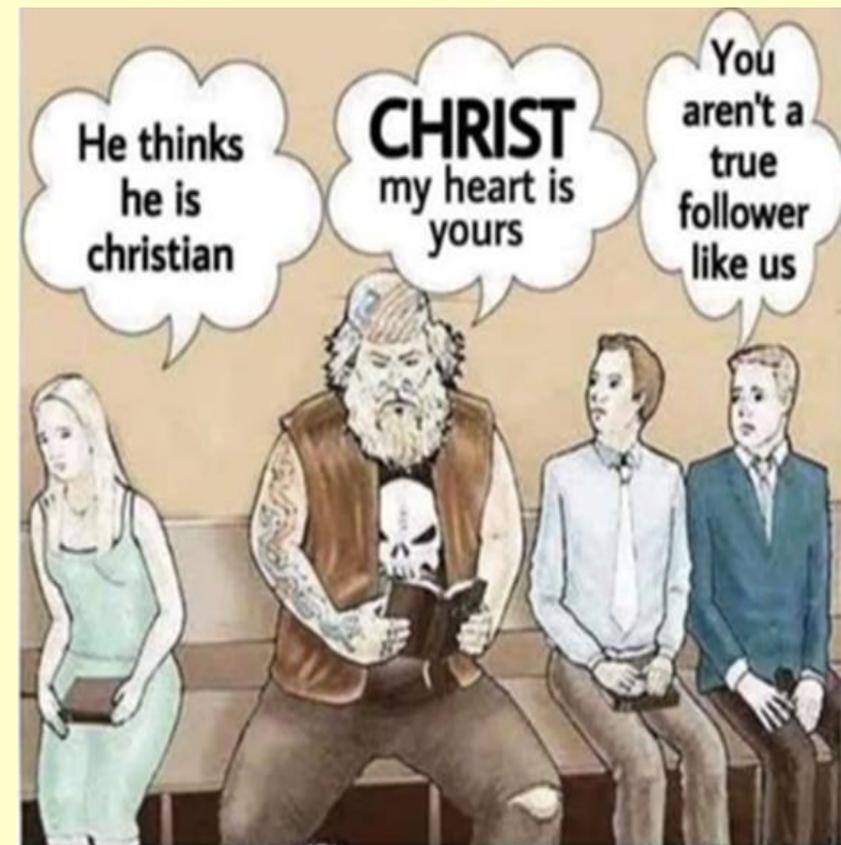
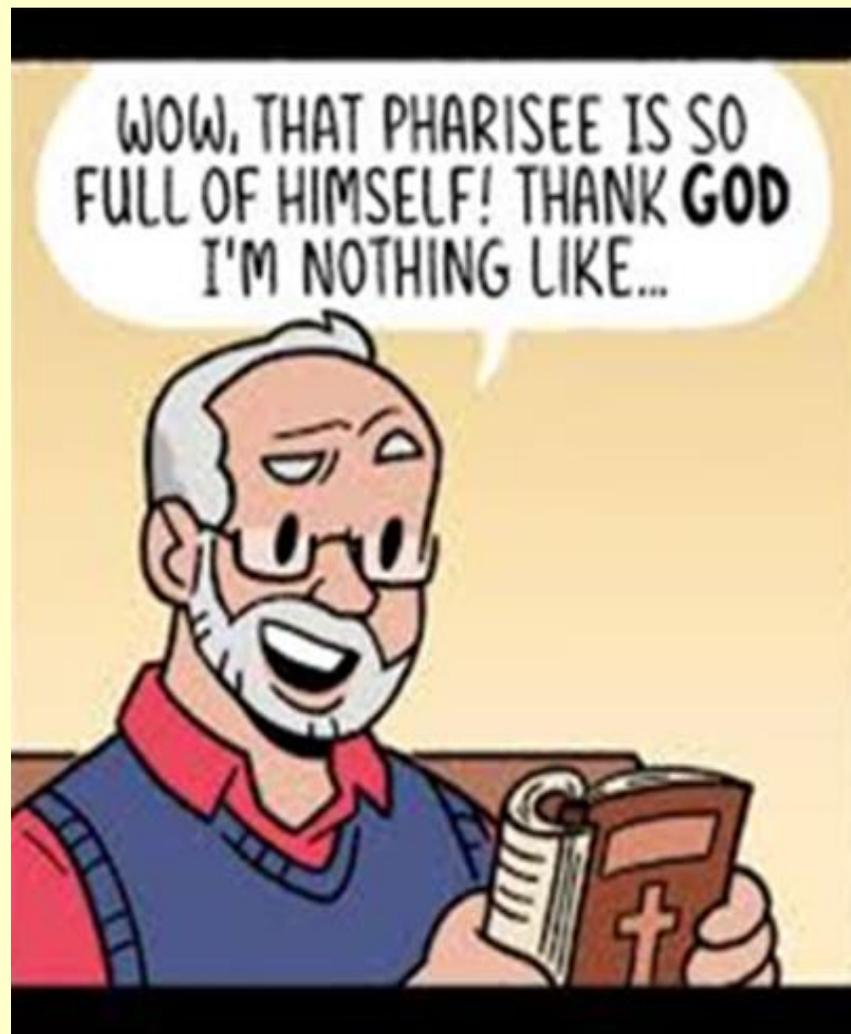
The “*Why don’t you?*” - “*You should*” question

The question from John's disciples and the Pharisees:

*“If Jesus is the Messiah, why isn't He doing the right religious thing and fast?”*

Jesus did teach on fasting – **not to look like you are fasting, so others think you are holy – Matthew 6: 16-18**





1 Samuel 16:7 ~ The Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

**Fasting is not a performance for others, but to refocus your life on God completely**

**Lesson:**

**A believer must be careful and not judge others for not keeping their religious rituals**

Verse 19 - 20

**Jesus, *our Bridegroom*, is a cause for  
celebration!**

**While the Bridegroom, Jesus, is with them, everything is okay, there is no need to fast**

**When the Bridegroom is taken away, snatched away violently, then they will fast**

**In the Old Testament, there is no mention of Messiah being the Bridegroom**

**God is always pictured as the husband of Israel,  
Israel as the wife of Jehovah**

**Jesus is telling the Pharisees something incredible – He is the Bridegroom and the Church is the Bride**

**In the Old Testament, God is pictured as wed to Israel**

**In the New Testament, Jesus is pictured as wed to the Church**

**Jesus is saying, with the Bridegroom imagery, He is God Incarnate, God is human form!**

Verse 21 - 22

Old vs. New – a person must choose to be  
changed

## **Jesus will use two illustrations:**

**(1) Sewing a new, unshrunk, cloth on an old garment, and (2) pouring new wine into old wineskins**

**Old wineskins, old garments, symbolize our old life, pre-salvation life**

**Most people love their old garments (old wineskins), and are comfortable with the old, familiar life –**

**Luke 5: 39**

**Those comfortable with their religious rituals, their religious ways, don't desire the new wine**

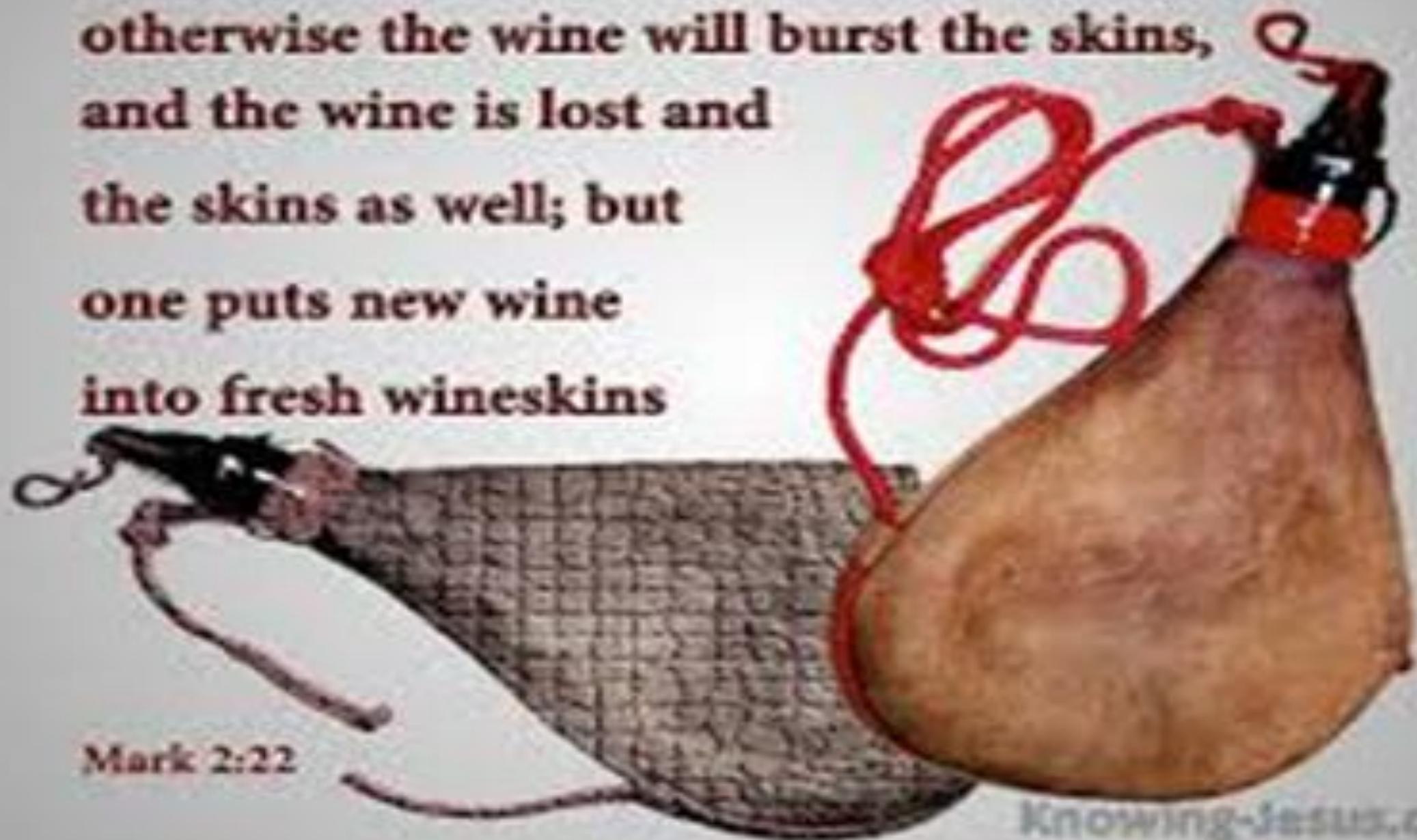
## The Question:

Is a person really saved, or did they simply add Jesus to their old wineskin?

So many “*Christians*” live in misery because they add a little bit of Jesus to their old lives

**CAN'T BE DONE! – *IT'S FUTILE!!***

**No one puts new wine into old wineskins;  
otherwise the wine will burst the skins,  
and the wine is lost and  
the skins as well; but  
one puts new wine  
into fresh wineskins**



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## THE TEACHING IS CLEAR:

*One must put Jesus into a new wineskin!*

## THINK:

*Maybe the new wineskin will be filled slowly, but it is a new wineskin*

*The new birth has occurred; the person is in a process of change*

It is NOT up to me to judge their speed of change, but genuine salvation will produce CHANGE!

## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

The call of Jesus is a call to a new life – 2 Corinthians 5: 17

There is a huge difference in “*believe that*” and “*believe in*” Jesus  
James 2: 19

Believe that Jesus died for my sins is one thing, that is a statement of fact - *demons believe this!*

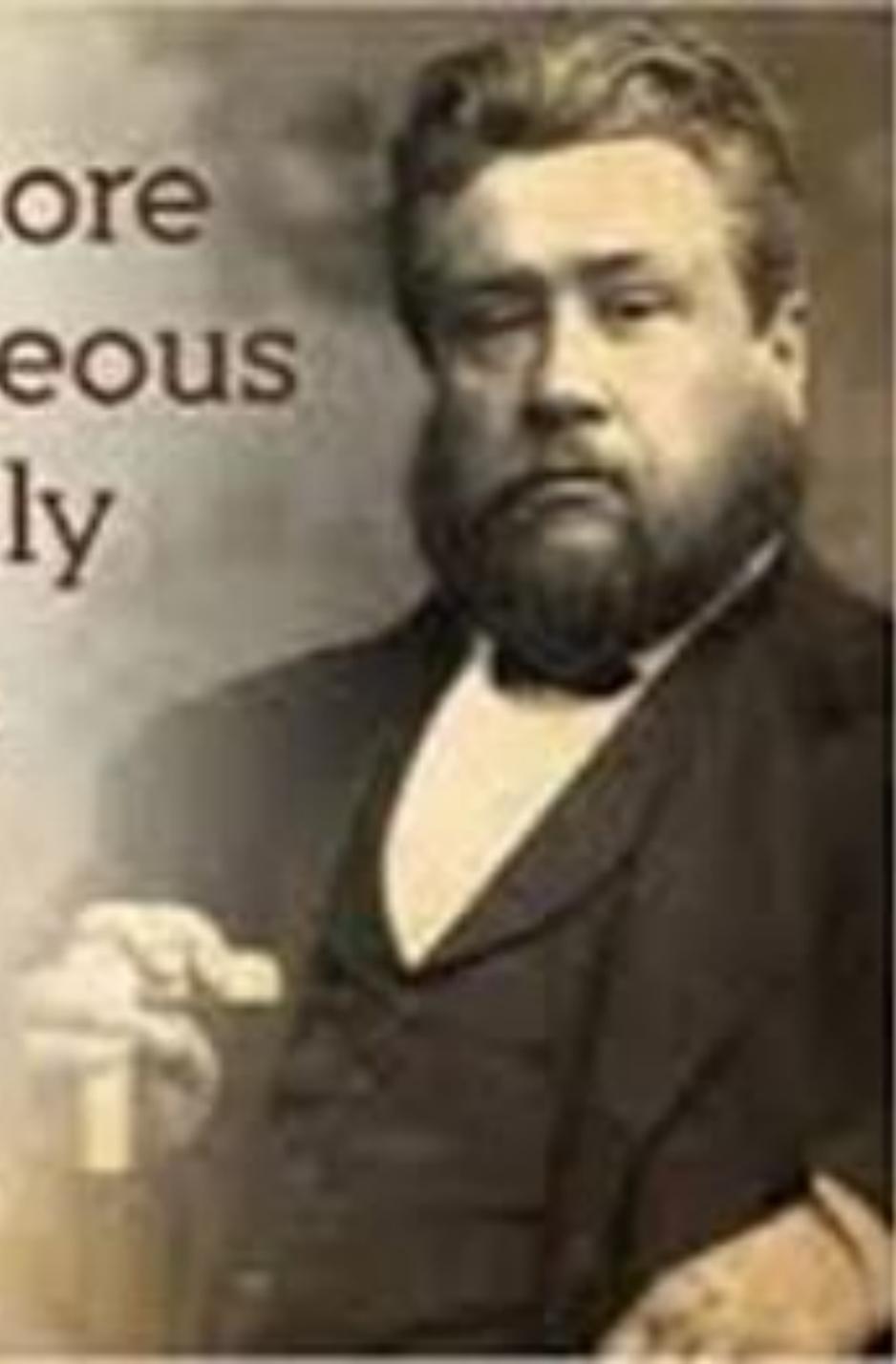
Believe in Jesus, placing my trust in Jesus, committing to Jesus is another thing – *it's personal!*

Christian growth is a process; you are in a process of being conformed to the likeness of Christ

**Did you catch it?** A process - it is not overnight, but a lifetime of change!

Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion—it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ.

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**GET UP AND GET GOING!!**

**Never forget:**

*The Christian life is all about . . . . .*

A silhouette of a person stands in the center of a tunnel. The left side of the tunnel is filled with intense orange and yellow flames, while the right side is illuminated by a bright, ethereal blue and white light. The person's shadow is cast on the floor.

# Direction, Not Perfection

2 TIMOTHY 2:19-22

**FOLKS . . . . .**

***JESUS IS A CAUSE  
FOR CELEBRATION AND CHANGE!***

***CHANGE AND ENJOY THE JESUS RIDE!***