

**Transformed**  
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**“From Religious To Godly!”**

**John 3:1-17 (NLT)**

**Knowing ABOUT God  
is not the same as KNOWING God!**

“There are few things quite so boring as being religious, but there is nothing quite so exciting as being a Christian! Most folks have never discovered the difference between the one and the other, so that there are those who sincerely try to live a life they do not have, substituting religion for God, Christianity for Christ, and their own noble endeavors for the energy, joy, and power of the Holy Spirit.”  
– Major W. Ian Thomas

**Let go of the PRIDE  
that blinds you to GRACE!**

We are not made right by RELIGIOUS works or heritage.  
We are not made right by HUMANITARIAN efforts.  
We are not made right by PHILANTHROPIC generosity.  
We are not made right by COMPARITIVE goodness.  
We are not made right by the LACK OF GLARING sins.

**“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God”**  
– Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)

**Being “born from above” can’t be achieved by anything we can do here below!**

**You have to fully embrace what you don’t completely understand.**

**“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”**  
– Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

But Jesus said, **“Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.”**  
– Matthew 19:14 (NLT)

**You have to BELIEVE.**

**You have to believe in Jesus as God’s Redeemer.**

**We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.** – Romans 3:22 (NLT)

**You have to believe in your own terminal sinfulness.**

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. **Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.**  
– Romans 5:12 (NLT)

**If you don’t believe you’re really dying, you’ll never really look to Jesus to live!**