

## SPRITUALITY: LIFE OF RENEWAL

### INTRODUCTION:

- Ice Breaker – Parrot in Church
- There is hardly a difference between believer and non-believers.
- What difference does Christ make in people?
- How are we Christians different from others if at all?  
    VERSE: *For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor un-circumcision, but a new creation (Galatians 6:15)*
- The evidence of Christianity is a new kind of people, *a new creation*  
    VERSE: *Then He who sat on the throne said, Behold I make all things new (Revelation 21:5)*

### MAIN:

#### The most needed change

- “man has exalted change in everything but himself
- Man’s character needs to change – Turtle and the Scorpion
- Only Christ can produce a radical change
- Your self in your own hands is a problem and pain, but your self in the hands of God is possibility and power.
- If I commit my life to God and approach him in repentance, I can become a new creation – a new creature in Christ Jesus forgiven, reconciled, with meaning and purpose  
    VERSE: *Come to Him and be enlightened, and your face shall never be ashamed. (Psalm 33:6)*
- Christ has given us a fresh new start – Reporter and Newspaper subscriber  
    VERSE: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5: 17)*
- The Bible is record of changed lives – a totally new creation

#### How? :

- The new birth was given to us in baptism – the baptismal pool/cistern is likened to the womb  
    VERSE: *“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (John 3:5)*
- The line of heredity was transferred, we are God’s people
- Beware of refusing the inheritance - baptism must be followed by repentance, communion, confession, prayer, reading
- God’s grace + Human cooperation  
    VERSE: *for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. (Philippians 2:13)*
- We are regenerated in baptism by the grace of God, justified and made righteous through the grace of Christ, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

### CONCLUSION:

The church is likened to Noah’s Ark, but it differs in that the Ark took in animals and animals it released. The church took in sinners and turned them into saints, the wolf turned into a lamb and the caterpillar into a butterfly.