

MAY 12

“YOU HAVE TO BE UNDONE BY YOUR SINFULNESS.”

READ

Matthew 7:15-20, 1 John 2:28-29

Someone asked, “How do I know I am saved, Pastor?” The Bible says that if you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ with your whole heart, you will be saved. If you believe you are a sinner, and He is a Savior, you ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and He does. If you don’t think anything is wrong with you, you can’t be saved. You have to be undone by your sinfulness. You have to recognize that only Jesus Christ is able to rectify and turn you around. But that’s not where it stops. Understand that when you believe, you will act on that belief. You will start bearing good fruit. The only way you are going to bear fruit, or show spiritual evidence, is to spend time with God in prayer and in reading the Scriptures. There is no shortcut. You have to decide what really matters, and then do what matters. So when one is actually born again it is evident. The Holy Spirit gives you the power to say “no” to sin, to practice righteousness. There’s enough power in you to cause you to act and walk like Jesus.

PRAY

Lord, I’ve believed in You, now I want to behave like You. Through my reading and praying, You will do that in me. I want to be known by the fruit of the Spirit evident in my life.

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