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**A profound and permanent change in one's character, heart, mind, and/or soul that is the direct result of God's intentional, supernatural power.**



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- Those who are abused, taken advantage of, or imprisoned by the enemies of God.
- Those who seem to be divided against themselves.

# Who Needs It?

- Those who are forced to live amongst the tombs and the wilderness of life.
- Those who are all alone because of an affliction.



# Who Else Needs It?

- The upstanding citizens of a community who wouldn't think twice about abandoning, imprisoning and/or dehumanizing other human beings.

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- Those who instinctively use rejection or force instead of love to conquer evil.
- Those who look down on one type of uncleanness only to embrace another of their own.

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- Those who believe in Christ but are not filled up with Holy Spirit empowered grace, compassion, forgiveness, and forbearance for others.

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