

**We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.**

**Ephesians 2:10 (NIRV)**

**DAY 3**

**Empowered in Christ**

**Faith in Jesus Christ energizes us to do good things for God (James 2: 14-17)**



**Review Bible Lessons,  
Days 1 & 2 (John 3:1-7;  
John 4:1-42)**

**Day 1: John 3:1-7**

We are recreated when we believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord. We become a new person. We think, act, and live differently. Remember how the butterfly pollinates, and helps to produce fruit.

**Day 2: John 4:1-42**

Through Jesus Christ we receive living water that gives eternal life, and causes us to share God's love.







**Have you ever been really excited about going on a trip?**

When we get ready for a trip, our schedule changes, we wear different clothes, and our daily activities change.

When we believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, we also act and do things differently. **Only this change doesn't go away; it's here to stay!**



Jesus tells His disciples on a mountainside;

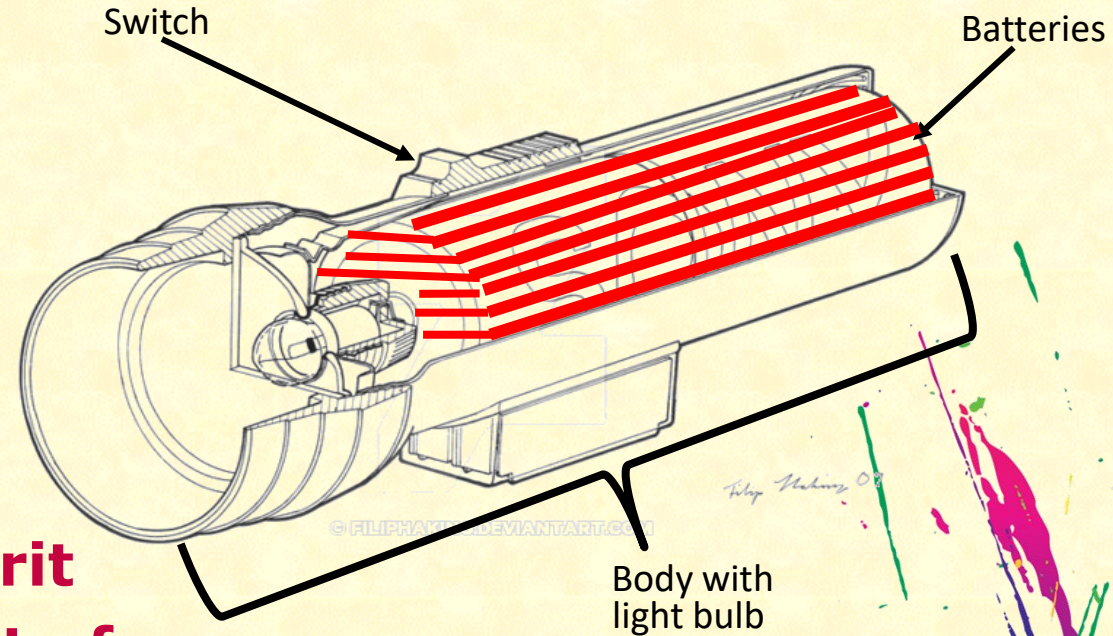
**“You are the light of the world.** A town built on a hill can’t be hidden. Also, people do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand. Then it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

**Matthew 5:14-16 (NIRV)**



## What power source does a flashlight need to shine its light? Batteries!

Batteries empower the flashlight, so it can shine light. It then becomes something different.



**In the same way, the Holy Spirit empowers us to shine the light of Jesus.**

We become different (new creations) when we believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and are empowered by the Holy Spirit.







## **The Holy Spirit empowers us!**

“Suppose a person claims to have faith but doesn’t act on their faith. My brothers and sisters, can this kind of faith save them?”

**James 2:14 (NIRV)**

## **The only thing that saves us is faith in Jesus Christ.**

The Holy Spirit empowers us to serve Jesus in our everyday lives. This is called good works.



## The Holy Spirit empowers us to have a living, active faith.

“Suppose a brother or a sister has no clothes or food. Suppose one of you says to them, ‘Go. I hope everything turns out fine for you. Keep warm. Eat well.’ And suppose you do nothing about what they really need. Then what good have you done? It is the same with faith. If it doesn’t cause us to do something, it’s dead.”

**James 2:15-17 (NIRV)**







**Doing good things for God does not save us.**

However, the Holy Spirit empowers every believer for good deeds to glorify God, and to serve others.







**God's Word guides us to do the right thing.**

This includes loving other people, serving in our community, working hard at our jobs, and telling others about Jesus Christ!



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