

"SO, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?"

John 5:24

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We have had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate the coming of Christ in the form of a baby--we call this season Christmas. Our search through the prophetic passages of the Old Testament display the sovereign hand of God and His desire to save us. The life of Christ did not end in the baby stage. His work on the cross, and resurrection from the dead, has guaranteed salvation to all of those who believe. What changes at the point of placing our faith in Christ? So, what's the difference?

THE DIFFERENCE IS...

- Our **realm** of **experience** has changed.

Illustration -

- We now possess **eternal life**.
- We have left **death** behind and now have **life**.

WAS I REALLY DEAD?

- We have **escaped** the penalty of sin, which is **judgment** and **hell**.

WHAT JUDGMENT?

A REAL HELL?

WITH ETERNAL LIFE COMES...

- More than endless life
- It is a change in unique quality.
- We possess a new nature.
- We now have fellowship with God.
- We now have fellowship with other believers.
- The Holy Spirit's power flows through us.
- We have the capacity for righteous living here and now.
- We have the future promise of Christ's return.

REFLECTION

- Is knowing Christ making a difference in your life now?
- In what areas of life do you want to grow in and change?
- Will this New Year be the time?