



Pastor's Comments

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A Changed Life

When Manuel Pumisacho of Quito, Ecuador accepted Christ as Savior, he was so drunk he could barely walk! Pumisacho, a Quichua Indian from Zambiza, Ecuador, had just left his favorite bar. As he staggered down the street toward home, Pumisacho began to **sense God's presence**. "Why am I like this?" he thought, remembering times his Christian brother-in-law had shared his faith with him. "If there's a God who loves me, I'd like to know him."

Pumisacho started crying and **fell on his knees**. "Lord, **forgive me of my sins**," he prayed. "**Change my life**. I want to be a good man." **Immediately**, Pumisacho **no longer felt drunk!** "In that moment, **a miracle took place**," he says. "I sensed that alcohol no longer had control of me."

His wife noticed the change as soon as she saw him. Often when he came home drunk, she'd run to hide so he wouldn't abuse her. But tonight it was different. "I told her **Christ had changed my life**," Pumisacho recalls. "I said, 'Please forgive me. I'm not going to hit you anymore. I love you.'"

Twenty years later, Pumisacho is **still a changed man!** He has been a pastor for years leading others to Jesus Christ in Ecuador. **Do you need change** like this in your life? The Apostle Paul, who experienced an **immediate change** like this in Acts 9, wrote, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new**" (II Cor. 5:17). Why don't you **sincerely pray now** like Pumisacho did and **just ask Jesus to change you?**

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