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Making Room For New Wine
Pt. 1 – The Need For New Wineskins
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I. What Are Wineskins?

A. Containers – To Be Filled With Wine.
   Joshua 9:4, NIV – (4) [The] ... donkeys were loaded with worn-out sacks and old wineskins, cracked and mended.”

B. Humans – To Be Filled With Righteousness.
   Job 32:19, NIV – (19) Inside I am like bottled-up wine, like new wineskins ready to burst.

C. Churches – To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit.
   Luke 5:37-38, NIV – (37) And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. (38) No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins.
   Lesson: A new wineskin must be flexible.

II. The First Century New Church Wineskin.

A. Jewish Believers – Acts 8 (32 AD).
   Acts 8:1, NIV – (1) And Saul was there, giving approval to [Stephen’s] death. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ...
B. Gentile Believers – Acts 10 (35 AD).
Acts 10:45, NIV – (45) The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.

Lesson: A new wineskin must be created whenever new wine is poured in.

III. The First Century Missionary Wineskin.

A. First Missionary Journey – Evangelistic Strategy (Acts 13-14) – 46 to 48 AD
Acts 13:2, NIV – (2) While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

B. Second Missionary Journey – Apostolic Strategy (Acts 15-18) – 53 to 57 AD.

C. Third Missionary Journey – Apostolic Centres (Acts 19-21) – 49 to 52 AD.
Paul’s Changing Strategy:
• Home Church – Teacher.
• 1st Journey – Evangelist / Herald.
• 2nd Journey – Apostle.
• 3rd Journey – Spiritual Father.
Lesson: A new wineskin must continue to stretch as the wine expands.

IV. The Fourth Century Roman Church Wineskin (323 AD).
Lesson: An inflexible wineskin will hinder or stifle the new wine.

V. The Sixteenth Century Protestant Church Wineskin (1517 AD).
Lesson: You can’t keep new wine without a new wineskin.
VI. The Seventeenth Century Holiness Church Wineskin (1730s AD).

A. Count Nikolaus Ludwig Zinzendorf – Moravians (1721 AD).
B. John Wesley – Methodists (1738 AD).

(1) Small group meetings, (2) prayer, (3) the moving of the Spirit, (4) God’s plan for the Jewish people, and (5) world missions.

**Lesson**: New Wine is best spread through smaller wineskins.

VII. The Pentecostal Wineskin – 20th Century (1901 AD).

A. Classical Pentecostalism (1901 AD).
B. Neo-Pentecostalism (1960 AD).

**Lesson**: For wineskins to grow, they must constantly be filled with new wine.

VIII. Is It Time For A New Wineskin?

- 1999, 70% attended a religious service.
- 2020, 47% attended a religious service.
- 2021, 39% attended a religious service.
- 2021, 30% attend a religious service (Canada).

**Lesson**: It is time for a new wineskin!
Lessons:

• A new wineskin must be flexible.
• A new wineskin must be created whenever new wine is poured in.
• A new wineskin must continue to stretch as the wine expands.
• An inflexible wineskin will hinder or stifle the new wine.
• You can’t keep new wine without a new wineskin.
• New wine is best spread through smaller wineskins.
• For wineskins to grow, they must constantly be filled with new wine.
• It is time for a new wineskin!

Our Response Right Now:
Ask God to make us into the new wineskin that He wants.
Ask God to help us accept and stretch with the new wineskin that He is creating.
Our Response This Week:
Ask God to show you your place in the new wineskin.

Becoming A Child Of God

A – Admit that Jesus is indeed the only way to salvation, and that your life is completely lost without Him.

B – Believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins, and rose from the dead for your freedom.

C – Confess Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour, the new leader of your life.

D – Decide to follow Jesus daily, and invite Him to teach you how to live and how to love.

How Can I Pray To Become A Christian?

Jesus, I realize now that I am lost without You, and You are the only way that I can experience freedom.

Thank You for dying on the cross to save me from the penalty of sin, and rising from the dead so that I can be completely free.

I choose to confess and put my trust in You as my Lord and Savior. I give my whole heart and my whole life to You.

I ask for Your help so that I can do my best, to follow You each and every day.

In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen!