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IN A FOREIGN LAND

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THE LETTER OF FIRST PETER

# 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

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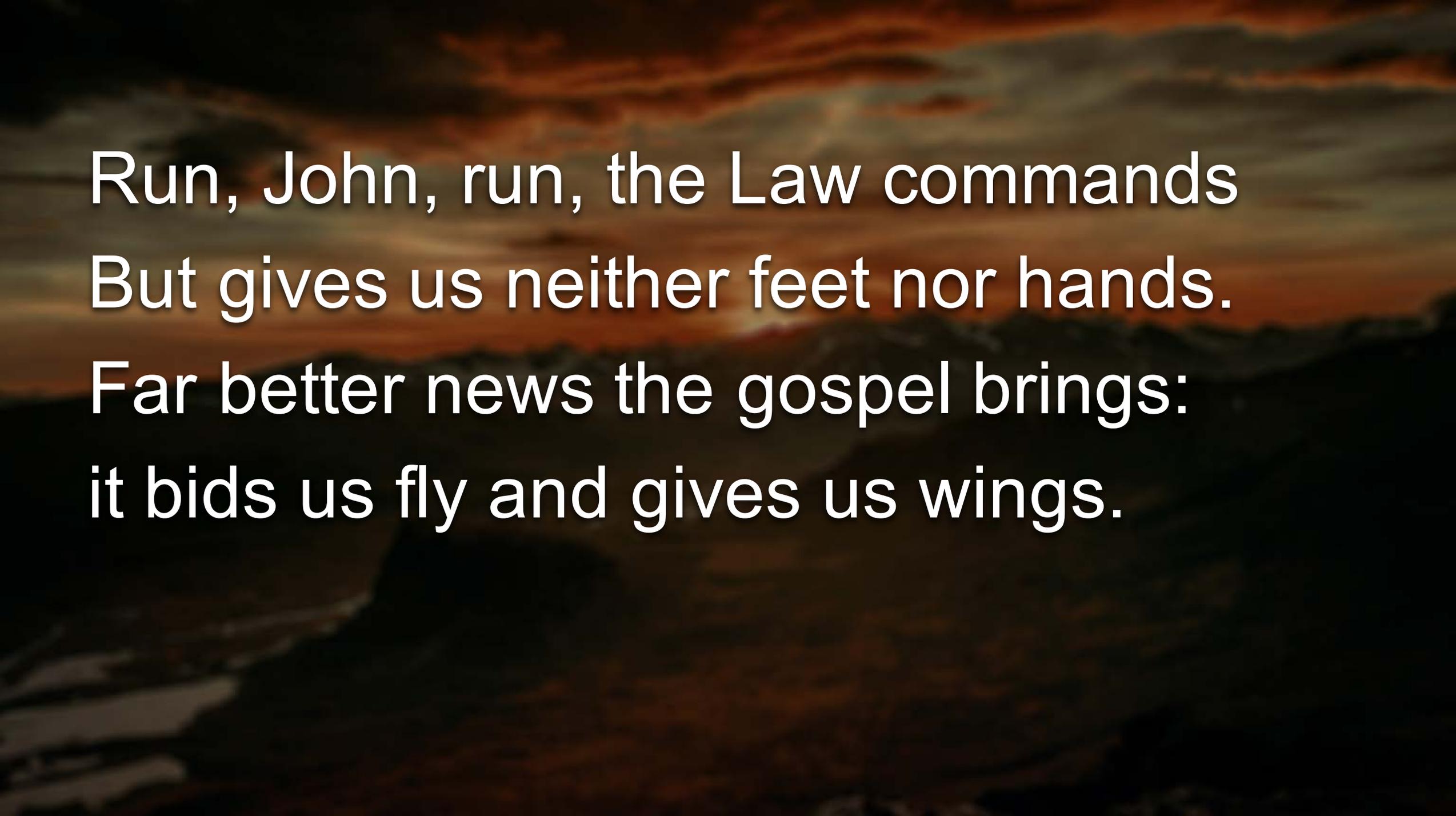
2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

# The Word Bears Fruit

Christians will love each other because we have been born again through God's imperishable Word.

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Christians are those who have undergone a radical internal spiritual transformation that is being gradually realized [made effective] in our lives.



Run, John, run, the Law commands  
But gives us neither feet nor hands.  
Far better news the gospel brings:  
it bids us fly and gives us wings.

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Command/Effects of the gospel at work  
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1. The new birth is internal manifesting itself in external ways.
2. The new birth is gradual growth.
3. The new birth is organic growth not mechanical growth.

## John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

# 1 John 3:9-11

No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

<sup>10</sup> By this it is evident who are the children of God,

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and who are the children of the devil:  
whoever does not practice  
righteousness is not of God, nor is the  
one who does not love his brother.

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have  
heard from the beginning, that we  
should love one another.

# 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, <sup>10</sup> for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more,

# 1 John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

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