

THE HOLY SPIRIT



PART 2 - BORN OF THE SPIRIT

In the first resource on the Holy Spirit, we discussed how we can be justified by His blood, but still not be born of the Spirit, and just how vital it is to be born of the Spirit, baptised in the power of the Spirit, and speak in tongues, if we are going to be Christ like, inside and out.

So what is it to be born of the Spirit of God within us, which enables and empowers us to start this journey of transformation?

John 3:1-12 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

One can not SEE the kingdom of God with natural eyes. This is why it is SEEING with the eyes of our heart or spirit.

Ephesians 1:18-19 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might.

One can not HEAR the spiritual Word of God with natural ears.

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Mark 8:17-18 And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you discuss that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart? Having eyes, do you not see and having ears do you not hear?”

This was the same problem Nicodemus had. Although he was a teacher of the Law, he was not a man of the Spirit when he met Jesus, hence Nicodemus had no idea what Jesus was talking about, and heard everything through the natural, earthly filter, called flesh. We can be exactly the same if we are not born of the Spirit and even if we are born of the Spirit, it doesn't mean we hear the Word of God or have sight of the kingdom of God.

Being born again of God's Spirit, is a supernatural occurrence. It's not something that you say has happened without the corresponding actuality of it. There is a new life in you that wasn't there before you received His Spirit. We experience a rebirthing in the deepest recesses of our inner most being place. The place that David said was a hidden place.

We are given a thirst and hunger for the things of God which we never had before. It may only be a mustard seed size, but it is there and we know it's there.

We can see in John 20:21-22, after Jesus had been resurrected from the dead, how He breathed on the disciples and said, “receive the Holy Spirit’.

John 20:21-22 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit”.

The word ‘breathe’ used here in John, is the same word used in Genesis 2:7, where God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

The synergy between John 20 and Genesis 2, truly is eternal. When Jesus breathes His Spirit into His disciples, they received the breath of life and became new creations, new living beings, just like when God made Adam. We can see the 2nd Adam giving the same life to His disciples, which God the Father gave to Adam.

Acts 17:25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.

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To be born again, is to experience a spiritual rebirth, where you receive His life within you, a brand new life.

Galatians 4:4-7 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

QUESTIONS

1. Would you say you have been born again and what evidence have you got of this reality?
2. Why is being born again of His Spirit so vital to our relationship in and with Him?
3. What difference has being born of God's Spirit made in your life?
4. How much of the kingdom of God can you now see and possess, now that you have been born of His Spirit?
5. If you haven't been born again would you like to be and what is required to be?

ACTION PLAN: Position yourself to be born again by God's Spirit, by asking to receive the Holy Spirit within you by faith.

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