

"Born of the Spirit"

The Ministry of the Spirit

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According to the Bible, BECOMING a Christian has nothing to do with joining a church or being born into a denomination, signing a membership card, getting our bodies wet in a religious ceremony or attending meetings where Jesus' name is mentioned. Biblical Christianity has nothing to do with turning over a NEW LEAF, but is totally about turning over our lives to the One True God and thereby the Holy Spirit giving us **NEW LIFE in Christ**...Not about making resolutions to change ourselves and hoping to "do or be better". On the contrary, an invasion of God by the Spirit captures our spirit, regenerates and now and forever possesses us in our inner being! **BECOMING** a new creation on the inside is what Biblical Christianity is all about. **A NEW LIFE HAS BEGUN!**

NEWS FLASH: In no faith but Biblical Christianity is one immediately regenerated, born again, fully alive, justified and sanctified, made holy, blameless, and totally accepted in God's sight.

Because...

Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Regeneration (Gk. palingenesia; palin: again; genesis:birth)

Renewal (Gk. ananeosi: extension, prolongation, continuation, protraction)

Alive to Death and Dead to Life...Until...

We inherited the natural death we received by being born of our parents; we inherit the spiritual life we received by being born of the Spirit.

Genesis 2:16b-17 "You may eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins...

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Romans 8:10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

1 Peter 2:24 And He Himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might die to sin and live to righteousness, for by his wounds we are healed.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Two Births: Zero Doubts!

➤ *Perfectly yours; Perfectly His: DNA is everything (Flesh and Spirit)*

John 3:3-8 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Born again: (Gk. gennaō anōthen: born again, anew, or from above.)

Here's the washing part foretold in the OT and also repeated in the NT

Ezekiel 36:25,27a I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²²And I will put my Spirit in you.

Jeremiah 33:8 *I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.*

1 Corinthians 6:11b *But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and **by the Spirit of our God.***

Here's the Regeneration Part!

1 Peter 1:23 *...you have been born again, not of a perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.*

John 6:63 *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.*

Titus 3:5 *He saved us..by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit!*

Eternal Life Means Life that Is Eternal

*What holds us to Christ is not the measure of our faith but the power of His blood (Eph.1:7). What binds us to our life in the Spirit is not the positive thinking of our souls, but the fact that Jesus said **NO ONE** will snatch you out of my hand (Jn 10:28) or ever separate you from my love (Rms. 8:39)*

Hebrews 10:14 *For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*

1 Corinthians 6:17 *But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.*

John 5:24 *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

1 John 5:11-13 *And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.*

Spirit Given Life Creates a Spirit Created United Family

*We who are born of the Spirit are as secure in our union with Christ just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are in **Their** union with one another.*

Ephesians 2:18-19 *For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.*

John 17:20-21 ²⁰*"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

When He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide us who are born of Him into all the truth (Jn.16:13). Let's believe that, learn that, and live that out with one another and in front of the lost world like never before. He put his Spirit in us to reveal the life of Christ through us!