

# *The Truth About Born Again*



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## Books of the Bible - Abbreviation List

### Old Testament

Gen.	Genesis
Exo.	Exodus
Lev.	Leviticus
Num.	Numbers
Deu.	Deuteronomy
Jos.	Joshua
Jdg.	Judges
Rth.	Ruth
1Sa.	1 Samuel
2Sa.	2 Samuel
1Ki.	1 Kings
2Ki.	2 Kings
1Ch.	1 Chronicles
2Ch.	2 Chronicles
Ezr.	Ezra
Neh.	Nehemiah
Est.	Esther
Job.	Job
Psa.	Psalms
Pro.	Proverbs
Ecc.	Ecclesiastes
Son.	The Song of Solomon
Isa.	Isaiah
Jer.	Jeremiah
Lam.	Lamentations
Eze.	Ezekiel
Dan.	Daniel
Hos.	Hosea
Joe.	Joel
Amo.	Amos
Oba.	Obadiah
Jon.	Jonah
Mic.	Micah
Nah.	Nahum
Hab.	Habakkuk

Zep.	Zephaniah
Hag.	Haggai
Zec.	Zechariah
Mal.	Malachi

### New Testament

Mat.	Matthew
Mar.	Mark
Luk.	Luke
Joh.	John
Act.	Acts
Rom.	Romans
1Co.	1 Corinthians
2Co.	2 Corinthians
Gal.	Galatians
Eph.	Ephesians
Php.	Philippians
Col.	Colossians
1Th.	1 Thessalonians
2Th.	2 Thessalonians
1Ti.	1 Timothy
2Ti.	2 Timothy
Tit.	Titus
Phm.	Philemon
Heb.	Hebrews
Jas.	James
1Pe.	1 Peter
2Pe.	2 Peter
1Jn.	1 John
2Jn.	2 John
3Jn.	3 John
Jud.	Jude
Rev.	Revelation

## PREFACE

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I pray the Father will use this book to both edify and encourage every reader.

The Editor

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## CHAPTER ONE

### The Truth About Born Again, Part 1

Father, we ask You to give us wisdom and understanding concerning the true revelation of what “born again” really means and what a born-again person looks like. We thank You for opening our understanding. We thank You for causing us to overcome any traditions of men concerning this, Lord, because they’re so widespread out there. We just thank You, Lord, for doing this. In Jesus’ Name, amen.

#### From Children to Sons

***(Joh.1:12) But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God...*** It is “children of God” here, not “sons of God” as some versions put it. They’re two completely different words and we have to separate the two. The Bible says, ***(Pro.29:21) He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child Shall have him become a son at the last.*** And also, ***(Rom.8:19) For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God.*** The whole of creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God, because the sons of God look like Jesus. He is the only born Son of God (John 1:14,18, 3:16,18; etc.) and we have to be re-born sons of God in Him, but when we first come to God, we are a *teknon*, not a *huios*. A *teknon* is a “child” and a servant because of their relationship to the Lord. A *huios*, a “son,” doesn’t have the servant’s relationship to the Lord.

***(Joh.1:12) But as many as received him, to them***

***gave he the right to become children of God, [even] to them that believe on His name: (13) who were born...*** That means this is talking about a re-birth here. The word, “born,” is the Greek *gennao* and it is translated two main ways, “begotten” and “born.” When you see the word, “begotten,” suspect that it’s the same word, “born,” because it almost always is. A “child” is someone who is born again in spirit. They have a new spirit from God, a born-again spirit in the image of Jesus’ born-again Spirit. The Holy Spirit wants to create in us the life of Christ, first in spirit, then soul, and then, ultimately, body. Jesus said that’s the job of the Holy Spirit, ***(Joh.16:14) ... for he shall take of mine, and shall declare [it] unto you.*** The very beginning of this process is a born-again spirit. When you hear people in the apostate church talking about “born again,” most often they think there’s nothing more to it than a born-again spirit. They may actually tell you, “You’ve got everything you’re going to get.” Well, nothing could be further from the truth, because there is the manifestation of the sons of God. A child grows up to be a son by manifesting in his soul, which is the mind, will, and emotions, what was put in his spirit.

When you are born again, your spirit is clean, it’s fresh, it’s holy, it’s righteous, but it has to be educated. A part of your spirit is your conscience. Your conscience tells you what’s right and what’s wrong, but your conscience won’t tell you what’s right and wrong if you don’t teach it, train it. ***(Heb.5:14) But solid food is for fullgrown men, [even] those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.*** We, by the Word of God, should be training our conscience to tell us what is right and wrong. If you obey your conscience,

which is in your spirit, you will grow up to be sons of God. If you disobey it, you will not manifest sonship. We are sons of God, but we're all sons of God through faith and **faith (Rom.4:17) ... calleth the things that are not, as though they were.** Faith is believing you have something that you don't have manifestly, solely on the grounds that the Word of God says that you do have it. Manifestation, of course, is talking about the "shining forth from," the Glories of God shining forth from His people who walk in His steps. So, again, children are born-again in spirit; sons are born-again in soul, which is your mind, will, and emotions. It is what makes you you. But your spirit is the most holy part of you, and it's your connection to God because **(Joh.4:24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth.**

**(Joh.1:12) But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, [even] to them that believe on his name: (13) who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.** "Born of God" is synonymous with "born again," and there is a "born again" at the beginning of your experience, which is receiving this new spirit, this enlightenment, but you're also heading towards another "born again," which is "born-again in soul." Generally, when God speaks about "born-again," He's talking about the whole process, though many people think they've received everything right up front, which is a lie, but they believe that because they haven't studied the Word. **(Joh.1:14) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us...** Sons of God are always the Word made flesh. When you study the Word of God, it is to get it down in your soul. You devour it. It's a food. It's a Manna out of

heaven, Who is Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and as you devour that Manna out of heaven, you “become what you eat,” as the saying goes. The Seed which manifests the sonship of God is the Word of God. “Seed” is the Greek word *sperma*. His *sperma* is the Word, and if you don’t receive the Word into your soul, then you cannot be transformed. The Bible says, **(Rom.12:2) And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...** Your mind, your will, and your emotions, are parts of your soul, and in order to be transformed, you must humble yourself, humble your mind, your will, and your emotions, to the Word of God. “Repenting” is the breaking-up of your fallow ground so that it can receive the seed of the Word and come into the Image of the Sower, Who is Jesus. A lot of people think “repenting” is crying and asking God for forgiveness, but “repent” is the Greek word *metanoéo* and it means “I change my mind.”

When they read the Word of God, a person must repent so that the Word goes into them and recreates in them Jesus Christ. When that happens, the Word becomes **(Col.1:27) ... Christ in you, the hope of glory.** Paul talked about three “glories” that are three different bodies that a person can receive (1Corinthians 15:41-44). Yes, there are differences in the bodies that people will have in heaven. **(Joh.1:14) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten {This is the Greek word *ginomai*, which again, is “born.”} **from the Father), full of grace and truth.** Well, if He’s the only One “born” of the Father, the only “born” Son, how do we get to be sons? We abide in Him. We are one in His body as we abide in Him**

by faith. We're sons of God through faith. We believe we have received what God gave to us at the Cross, which is a total exchange. **(2Co.5:17) Wherefore if any man is in Christ, [he is] a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new. (18) But all things are of God, who reconciled** (This is the Greek *katallassó* and it means "to exchange completely... as when two parties come to the same position.") **us to himself through Christ...** And as we believe that, God begins and will finish putting that all together, because it is the power of God, not the power of man, that does this. People protest, "You can't do that." That's true, but we can believe God, and He can do it.

**(Joh.1:18) No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son** (Some versions say, "the only Son."), **who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared [him]**. The most ancient manuscripts have the word "God" there instead of "Son," and the numeric pattern proves that "God" is correct, so this should read, "the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." Now, if someone is born of God, what does God bring forth? Well, what does a human bring forth? Humans. What does God bring forth? God. Who is that living in you? God. He's the "only begotten," or "born," God. You can't say it's blasphemy unless you don't believe that God is in you, unless you don't believe Christ is in you, in which case, you are, indeed, reprobate. **(2Co.13:5) Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves. Or know ye not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you? unless indeed ye be reprobate.** If you have God in you, then a part of you is God and a part of you is not. You can be son of man

and son of God. (**Rom.1:3**) **Concerning his Son, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, (4) who was declared [to be] the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead; [even] Jesus Christ our Lord.** Jesus was both son of man and Son of God, and we, too, are both son of man and son of God. We are created in His Image, and this process is supposed to be ongoing. When the Scriptures say, “born again,” in a lot of cases the Scriptures are talking about more than just the initial born-again of your spirit, but when people don’t obey their spirit, which is in agreement with the Holy Spirit, they don’t grow up. Of course, apostate religion teaches that you don’t have to obey, yet everybody who has faith can obey, because when you believe, God gives you power. If you don’t believe the Gospel and instead are believing you’re always going to be a sinner, then you’re always going to be a sinner because Jesus said, (**Mat.9:29**) ... **According to your faith be it done unto you.** And (**Mat.8:13**) ... **as thou hast believed, [so] be it done unto thee.** So if you want to believe that you’re always going to be a sinner, go ahead, but there’s no faith involved and you’ll never manifest sonship.

**(Joh.3:1) Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: (2) the same came unto him by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him. (3) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born anew** (This is the Greek word *anóthen* and it means “from above, from heaven” or in other words,

“of God”; they’re all synonymous.), **he cannot see the kingdom of God.** We must be born again, or “from above,” to see the Kingdom of God. You have no spiritual sight or insight unless you’re born from above. If your soul is born of God, you know Him better than anyone because that’s your mind, your will, and your emotions, coming into the image of Jesus’ Mind, Will, and Emotions. Praise be to God! So we see that the word “born” here, is the same word for “begotten” in the Scriptures. **(Joh.3:4) Nicodemus saith unto 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?** Jesus is not talking about a rebirth of the natural man, but a rebirth of the spiritual man, because when He says, “Except one be born anew,” this is obviously somebody who is already alive. We’re starting out with a person here, but they have to be “born anew from above” or “born from above,” as the translation actually says, or else they can’t see the Kingdom of God. That’s because the Kingdom of God is within you. **(Luk.17:20) ... The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: (21) neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you.** The Kingdom of God is something that the natural man has no understanding of and can’t comprehend. **(1Cor.2:14) Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged.** Therefore the natural man can’t see the Kingdom of God.

**(Joh.3:4) Nicodemus saith unto 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?**

(No, we're not talking about that kind of born-again.) **(5) *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water...*** Again He says, "Except one," so this is talking about someone who is already born, only now this person who is already born has to be born of "water." There are people who say that the "water" represents the natural birth but it has nothing to do with that, nothing whatsoever. This is somebody who has already been naturally born, and they've already come through that water. He's talking about another "water." **(5) *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*** Well, what is this "water"? **(1Jn.5:7) *And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is the truth. (8) For there are three who bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and the three agree in one.*** The "Spirit," of course, is the Spirit of God, the Omnipresent Spirit of God Almighty. And the Spirit of God is in agreement with the "water," which the Bible calls **(Eph.5:26) *... the washing of the water with the word.*** This is the Word of God. Notice that this has nothing to do with the natural water. "Born again" is washing away your old man, drowning him in the baptism of water of the Word (1 Corinthians 10:2). Your physical baptism is a symbol of drowning that old man in the water of the Word, putting him to death. When you humble yourself to this Word, you put that old man to death and the new man that comes up is in the image of Jesus Christ. The "blood," of course, is not the blood of man, it's the Blood of Jesus. The blood of man that we inherited through our parents is full of sin, and the sins of the parents are passed on to the children (Exodus

20:5; Numbers 14:18; Deuteronomy 5:9). Jesus is the last Adam. He is the born-again-creation Adam, the One Who spiritually fathers all of us. It is He and the Word that He is, when sown into our heart, that recreates Him in us.

We must agree with the Word, not with religion. Religion is a farce and the devil always leads people astray with religion. None of them are right. The only truth is in the Word. You can find out the truth if you seek for it and you love it. **(Jer.29:13) And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.** If you love it, God will show it to you. Jesus said, **(Joh.7:17) If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself.** If you're not willing, if you have made an idol out of a church or religion or preacher, then you're probably not going to know the truth. **(Rom. 6:16) ... His servants ye are whom ye obey...** The Bible says that **(Luk.6:40) The disciple is not above his teacher** (The Greek word there is *didaskalos* and is also translated "master."): **but every one when he is perfected shall be as his teacher** (Or "master."). You better make your master Jesus and His Word or you will be antichrist, for He said, **(Mat.12:30) He that is not with me is against me...** Jesus didn't start any religion; as a matter of fact, He departed from every religion that was in His time and there's nothing that has changed. **(Ecc.1:9) That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.** No religion has the truth. Oh, they all have pieces of the truth, but they don't want to see each others' pieces, so the best thing to do is to go straight to the

Lord. Get it right out of the Word. Don't trust any man. The Bible tells us, **(Php.2:12) So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

And now that we have this foundation, we can continue. **(Joh.3:4) Nicodemus saith unto 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, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** Something that is born of the "water," meaning the "Word," and of the "Spirit," meaning the Holy Spirit, can't be something that is born of the flesh, which is the natural. That's just more religious hog-wash. **(7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born anew.** Amen!

### *Shining Forth*

We must be "born anew" and, as we've learned, "begotten" is the same word. I'd like to do a study on that word, "begotten," to see what it really is to be "born again," because we don't want to pick out just one or two verses and twist them out of context, as so many have already done. **(1Jn.2:28) And now, my little children...** This word is *teknion* from the Greek *teknon*, "child." Just a little further down he says, **(1Jn.3:2) Beloved, now are we the children...** And again this is the word *teknion*, "children," not the word *huios*, or "sons." If your version says "sons,"

it's probably because the translators thought it sounded good. **(1Jn.3:2) Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him** (There it is! We're coming into the Image of Jesus.); **for we shall see him even as he is.** Let's return to our original verse. **(1Jn.2:28) And now, [my] little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested...** That's awesome! The word "manifested" there is *phaneroó*, which means "to make visible" or "cause to shine." It's actually making "visible and causing to shine forth" the glory of God. As you come into the manifestation of the Son of God, you "shine forth." **(1Jn.2:28) And now, my little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.**

We mentioned earlier that Paul talked about three "glories," the three different bodies that a person can receive. **(1Co.15:41) There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. (42) So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: (43) it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: (44) it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual [body].** There are three progressive stages of this manifested glory: star glory, moon glory, and sun glory. The sun is the greatest glory because it represents the Son. Moon glory represents coming into unity, because the moon is one, but also, the moon is dead and we

have to go through death to have resurrection. The moon is dead. It reflects only the light of the sun, or the Son. That is a stage that we go through. Star glory represents being separate from one another. First, we have our own glory, like the star glory, then we have the moon glory, which is death, but also it's unity, because you can't become one with your brother unless you're dead to self. And then, of course, the next stage is to once again have your own glory, but it's the glory of the Lord in you, the third stage and the greatest stage of the glory of God, manifested in you. So it says, "if he shall be manifested," meaning "to make visible, to cause to shine." He is shining out of His body, shining out of those who are born again.

I've actually had this experience. Once, many years ago, when I was young in the Lord but running fanatically after Him, I had an apprentice, who wasn't even a saved person, working with me and learning from me. He was a worldly person at the time, but when I met him again, some years after I was teaching him how to do his job, he said, "You know, David, I never told you this, but I saw you one time, walking across the Pipe Still Unit at Exxon, and there was a glow all around you." I told him, "You know, Christians have that glow. It's the glory of God and sometimes it can be seen, if God enables us to see it. And it grows as we grow." He was awed at that. It made an impact on him. I had noticed, as an apprentice, how closely he had watched me and I could see questions in his eyes. I always talked about the Lord. He was raised a Catholic, and their religious pictures put that halo around the head of Jesus and the apostles and so forth. Well, there is a glory that shines forth out of God's people, and sometimes it can be seen in the natural, but it's always seen in the spirit realm.

Just like this “glory” is progressive and it grows, “born again” is progressive and it grows, too, because your soul, your mind, will, and emotions, all need to come into the Image of Jesus. **(1Jn.2:28) And now, my little children, abide in him; that, if..** The *Received Text*, by the way, also has a footnote that says this word is “if,” not “when.” This is talking about His manifestation in you and that’s an “if.” The translators changed it because they knew the Lord was coming, so they decided “if” couldn’t be the right word. However, the numeric pattern is in “if.” **(1Jn.2:28) And now, my little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested..** This is not talking about the coming of the Lord, physically, in the sky. We know that’s a “when.” The Greek word there is *phaneroó* meaning to “shine forth from,” which is the coming of the Lord in you. **(1Jn.2:28) And now, my little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.** Now this is talking about the Lord’s physical presence, because the Greek word there is *parousia* meaning “presence, a coming, arrival, advent.” So if you have this glory shining forth, *phaneroó*, from you, you will not be ashamed at the physical coming, *parousia*, of the Lord. The manifestation is that *epiphaneia*, the coming of the Lord in you. The Lord comes first in His people as an *epiphaneia*, meaning “manifestation, glorious display,” before He comes for His people. The last part of that, *phaneia*, is similar to *phaneroo*, to “shine forth from.” This *epiphaneia* is spoken of about the children of God as they grow-up in the Lord. Of course, He doesn’t want to come for you before He comes in you, because then you would be ashamed before Him at His coming.

**(1Jn.2:29) If ye know that he is righteous...** This is the Greek word *dikaiois* meaning “approved by God”; “just in the eyes of God”; “in conformity to God’s own being, hence upright.” When we are “in conformity to God’s own being,” we have that “shining forth” of the Lord. To be “righteous” is to be in right standing with the Word. To be “righteous” is to have the Word, the Seed of God, manifested in you. Glory be to God! **(1Jn.2:29) If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one also that doeth righteousness is begotten of him.** So many times when the Lord speaks, whether He’s speaking through John or whomever, when He says “born of Him” or “born again” or “born from above,” He’s talking about the whole process, not just the beginning of the process. You can do nothing unless you have a born-again spirit. With a born-again spirit, you are then empowered to hear the voice of God through His Spirit, you have a relationship with God through His Spirit. It’s Spirit-to-spirit, you see. Jesus was born of God so He had a born-again Spirit and He had a born-again soul, and because He had a born-again soul, He received a born-again body. If you get a born-again soul, you’ll have a born-again body. If you don’t get a born-again soul to some extent, (30-, 60-, or 100-fold,) you won’t have a born-again body. When Jesus spoke about those who bore fruit, 30-, 60-, and 100-fold, He was talking about the manifestation of sonship as 100-fold. You are in this process. We’re all sons of God through faith. You must believe that the Son of God exchanged His life for yours, which is reconciliation, so that now, by faith, you are a son. How do you get sonship? You have to first be a son by faith. So, don’t give up. When you look in the mirror, see Jesus. That’s what the Bible says (2 Corinthians

3:18). We'll talk about that a little later.

So he “that doeth righteousness” is born of Him, and in the very next chapter he says again, **(1Jn.3:7) [My] little children, let no man lead you astray: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.** That which is born of Him in you is doing righteousness. The old man doesn't do righteousness (Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:9), neither can he go to heaven. **(1Co.15:50) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.** You have to lose your *psuché* life, the self life, in order to gain your eternal *zoé* life (Matthew 10:39; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24, John 12:25). The old man and the new man both inhabit the same territory, which is your body. That means when the new man takes ground, he has to do it at the expense of the old man. The old man has to die in order to give more ground to the new man. **(2Co.4:16) Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day.** If you're not going to die to self when you read His Word, if you're not going to repent, believe, and act on His Word, you are not going to grow up into the manifestation of the sons of God. Paul said, **(Rom.8:19) For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God.** That's the only hope that creation has of being delivered from the curse. Jesus went around delivering the creation from the curse, and since sons of God do the same work that Jesus did, now it should be obvious that being “born of Him” is progressive and covers a much bigger territory than the apostate church claims. It's a process where, by faith, you see the end from the beginning and,

by faith, you receive the end from the beginning because we're accounted righteous through faith. If you believe He took away your sins and He gave you His life, that's faith, but you must go on to cooperate with Him in this process of the waters of baptism putting to death your old man. The Word of God is what puts to death your old man so that your new man can live. The old man is drowned and the new man comes up. That's "Christ in you, the hope of glory," the hope of star, moon, and ultimately, sun glory.

### *Faith Until Manifestation*

***(1Jn.3:2). Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be.*** It's not yet manifested and so we're still children, still servants. ***(Pro.29:21) He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child Shall have him become a son at the last.*** Yes, you are a son of God by faith, but you're not manifesting that sonship; it's not shining forth yet. ***(1Jn.3:2). Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested*** (That is, if He shines forth from us, if He's caused to become visible, shining forth from us.), ***we shall be like him*** (Oh, that's just awesome! We shall be like Him! The manifestation of sonship is to be like Him, and again, it's the word, "if" in the original, and not "when."); ***for we shall see him even as he is.*** How do we do that? How do we "see Him even as He is"? ***(2Co.3:18) ... We all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.*** That's faith!

It's faith to look into the mirror and see Jesus, but it's the Word of God. You don't look in the mirror and see your old man, you don't look and see yourself as a sinner, you see yourself as a saint. Jesus said, **(Mar.11:24) All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye received them, and ye shall have them.** That's how faith works, but most people don't even know what faith is. Faith is believing something you don't see until you do see it. That goes for healing and every other blessing you get from God.

"We shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is." Sad to say, there are people who have "another Jesus," and they're quite content to grow up into this other "Jesus" because he kind of favors them as they live in their old ways (2 Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:6-7). Of course, that's not the Jesus that exists; it's "another Jesus" and another spirit and another gospel. They can't cause you to manifest Jesus the 30-, 60-, and 100-fold that's required according to the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:3-9,18-23; Mark 4:1-9,13-20; Luke 8:4-8,11-15). One out of four manifested 30-, 60-, and 100-fold, but you can't do that if you have another Jesus. You might come into the image of that other "Jesus," but anything that's another Jesus is anti-Christ. **(1Jn.3:3) And every one that hath this hope [set] on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.** Let's just believe what it says the way it says it. There's a lot of antichrist preaching that's against this, but I'm telling you what the Bible says. It's the only Seed that will bring forth Christ. **(1Jn.3:4) Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. (5) And ye know that he was manifested** (There's that word *phaneroó* again.) **to take away sins; and in him is no**

**sin.** So when you sin, are you in Christ? Well, no, you're not in Christ because there is no sin in Him. If you say, "But I abide in Christ," then you have to walk as He walked. **(1Jn.2:6) He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked.** And if you walk as He walked, are you sinning? No, you're not.

"He was manifested to take away sins," yet people think, "Well, we'll just keep our sin, but we'll get forgiveness." No, they had that in the Old Testament and you haven't come into the New Testament if you believe that, because He was manifested not only to take away the action of sin, He was manifested to take away the very nature of sin. He took it away. He nailed it on the Cross. He delivered you. He exchanged your life for His life. Will you accept this exchange by giving up your life and accepting His life? When you sin, you step out of Him, and you're growing the flesh instead of the spirit. **(1Jn.3:6) Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither knoweth him.** Who is the "man" that abides in Him? It's your spiritual man. Who is the "man" that does not abide in Him? It's your carnal man, the fleshly man that must die. If you feed the spiritual man, he will grow. If you feed the carnal man, he will grow, but you won't bear the fruit 30-, 60-, and 100-fold, and you won't be accepted in the Kingdom of God.

**(1Jn.3:7) [My] little children, let no man lead you astray** (Now this is so simple.): **he that doeth righteousness is righteous...** I know many people don't like to read this chapter because it just doesn't fit their theology, but it's the truth. If you choose to ignore it, then you won't grow up. If you don't grow up, then you won't bear fruit, and you know what He says about those

who don't bear fruit (Matthew 25:30; Mark 11:13-14,20; Luke 13:7; etc.) So much for "once saved always saved" and other such goofy doctrines as that! **(1Jn.3:7) [My] little children, let no man lead you astray: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous: (8) he that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.** Your old man is from the devil. He is born from beneath, as Jesus said of the Pharisees, who were the very leadership of His people in that day. **(Joh.8:23) And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.** In you there is a man that is born from beneath and is of the devil, and in you there is a man that is born from above and is of God, born of God. Who's going to win? It's up to you.

**(1Jn.3:8) He that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested** (As also you must be manifested as a son of God. He must shine forth from you.), **that he might destroy the works of the devil.** And that, He did. He became a sacrifice. He bore your sins upon that Cross so that He could give you His life. He made an exchange, a reconciliation, and now you don't live anymore, Christ lives in you. That's what Paul said. That was his good confession in the sight of many witnesses. **(Gal.2:20) I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me: and that [life] which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, [the faith] which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.** That's our good confession, too. "Jesus lives in me. I look in the mirror and I see Him by faith, not because of my righteousness

or my ability or anything else, but because He said it. And because He said it, I'm going to believe it, and because I believe it, I'm going to have it." Jesus said, (**Mar.11:24**) ... ***All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye received*** (Notice that "received" is past tense. It's already been accomplished.) ***them, and ye shall have them.*** The promise is "all things whatsoever." Have you asked God for the manifestation of sonship? Are you believing Him for it? If you believe that He took away your sins, then you have it by faith, because when the sin is gone, guess Who's left?

### *Bearing Fruit*

***(1Jn.3:9) Whosoever is begotten*** (Again, the Greek word means "born.") ***of God doeth no sin...*** This is a truth about being born again. Any sin that you do is keeping you, in that part of your life, from being born of God. If you continue on with that, you cannot bear fruit in that area, or any other areas where you let the old man live instead of taking him to the cross. ***(1Jn.3:9) Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin because his seed*** (According to the Parable of the Sower, the "seed" is the Word of God, so there it is, the "seed" is the "water" of "the Spirit, and the water, and the blood.") ***abideth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is begotten*** (Or "born.") ***of God.*** Of course, what is born of God is God. Does God sin? God cannot sin. If you're a son of God, that "baby" in you that's coming to fruition and is about to be born and seen by the world, that's the fruit of Jesus Christ in you. You may have had dreams like that. Many people receive dreams about having babies, even men. What this

verse is talking about is your spiritual man. Don't mistreat your spiritual man. He must grow, and to grow, he needs "breath," which is the Spirit of God, and he needs the Word of God, which is water and food. You have to feed him, or else he just dies in the womb; he becomes (**Jud.1:12**) ... **twice dead, plucked up by the roots**, and it's your fault if that happens. So someone "born of God" is not sinning, and that man in you that's born of God cannot sin. Have you noticed that you're not tempted with some of the things that used to tempt you? Can God finish that process and do it with everything in your life? He's God! You can say that you can't do it, that's the truth, but you can't say He can't do it, and if you say you believe He's done it, then you have to believe that He has done it. He took away your sin. It's gone. So now that it is conquered, you have authority over it to refuse it by faith.

**(1Jn.3:10) In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil...** Can you have a born-again spirit and yet continue to walk as a son of the devil? Of course you can and people do it all the time, but they won't bear fruit 30-, 60-, and 100-fold, which is 100-percent. (**Luk.6:40 KJV**) ... **But every one that is perfect shall be as his master.** Again, you don't want a preacher or a religion to be your "master"; they've always all been wrong. In Jesus' day, they were all wrong. You have to go to the Word of God and (**Php.2:12**) ... **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.** So we see there are two manifestations happening, there's the manifestation of the son of God and the manifestation of the son of the devil, the manifestation of the children of God and the manifestation of the children of the devil. **(1Jn.3:10) In this the children of God are manifest,**

***and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God...*** That's the same thing as "not born of God." If you're "not of God," you're "not born of God." How long do you want that old man who is not of God to hang around? You're running out of time. You're in this in order to crucify the old man and bring life to the new man. Obey your baptism. It was an act of faith, and if you believe that at your baptism the old man died and the new man came to life, then from then on you say, ***(Gal.2:20) ... It is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me: and that [life] which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, [the faith] which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.*** You must agree with the good confession (1 Timothy 6:12). Don't talk about how you're a sinner. Repent; if you sin, repent. Go to God and ask Him to deliver you and continue to believe that He has done that. ***(1Jn.3:10) In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not (born) of God*** (That's the old man; he is not born again and he cannot do righteousness.), ***neither he that loveth not his brother.*** A person who doesn't love his brother is not born of God, he's not a son of God. The hatred is the old man. The sin is the old man. It's not the new man, because he cannot sin.

***(1Jn.3:11) For this is the message which ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*** That part of you which is born of God loves your brother. If you continue to hate your brother, criticize your brother, slander your brother, if you continue to do things against your brother and speak against your brother, which is the word "blaspheme," then you'll never be born of God.

**(1Jn.3:11) For this is the message which ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another: (12) not as Cain was of the evil one, and slew his brother.** (There are a lot of people called “Christians” who are “slaying” their brother.) **And wherefore slew he him? Because his works were evil, and his brother’s righteous.** It’s always that way. **(Gal.4:29) But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, so also it is now.** As Paul said, they hate you because that spirit which is manifested in them is not the same Spirit that’s manifested in you. They are enemies. **(1Jn.4:7) Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God...** Yes, God is Love. Who must we be? Love. We must be love.

**(1Co.13:1) If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. (2) And if I have [the gift of] prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. (3) And if I bestow all my goods to feed [the poor], and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. (4) Love suffereth long, [and] is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, (5) doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; (6) rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; (7) beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. (8) Love never faileth: but whether [there be] prophecies, they shall be done away; whether [there be] tongues,**

***they shall cease; whether [there be] knowledge, it shall be done away. (9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; (10) but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. (11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. (12) For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known. (13) But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*** That's what God is creating. That's the end of the process.

## CHAPTER TWO

### The Truth About Born Again, Part 2

#### *God is Love*

***(1Jn.4:7) Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten (Or “born.”) of God, and knoweth God. (8) He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.***

If you're criticizing your brother instead of praying and believing for him, you don't love. If you want grace for yourself and you want to be accepted and you want to have the Blood covering, but you don't want all that for your brother, then you don't love and you don't know God. If you're factious, you don't love and you don't know God. The part of you that's doing those things is not born of God. If that's where you are, you need to repent because you'll never bear fruit that way and you're running out of time. Born-again is love. Born-again is righteousness. Born-again is not sinning.

***(1Jn.3:13) Marvel not, brethren, if the world hateth you. Jesus said, (Joh.15:18) If the world hateth you, ye know that it hath hated me before [it hated] you. And Paul warned us, (2Ti.3:12) Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*** When you read the Bible, you see that every person who represented a son of God, all the prophets and Joseph and David and so on, were all hated. If you're not walking with God, you're not going to draw any hatred, but if you are walking with God, those who are not born of God

in their soul will be your enemy. **(1Jn.3:14) We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren.** (You who don't love the brethren, you who criticize and judge the brethren, you who don't pray and believe for the brethren, are not born of God in that area.) **He that loveth not abideth in death.** You can't abide in life if you abide in death. **(15) Whosoever hateth his brother...** This is not the fierce hatred that people like to make it out to be. The Lord said that His people hated Him. He threatened to kill them (speaking to Moses) and make of him a greater nation because the witnesses came back and only two of them agreed with God (Numbers 14:11-12). Those two loved God and went to the Promised Land in their bodies (Numbers 26:65) and that's a spiritual type. The rest of the Israelites died in the wilderness because they hated God (Numbers 14:29). If you don't agree with God, if His Word is not more important to you than your word or the word of man, you hate God. **(1Jn.3:15) Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer** (People can murder in more than one way, for example, they can murder a person's reputation.): **and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.** I'm sad to say it, folks, but those are the facts. **(1Jn.4:7) Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. (8) He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.** And His children are love, too. When you're born of Him, that part of you that's born of Him is God. If you say that God doesn't dwell in you, then you have a problem. You need to be born again.

**(1Jn.3:16) Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down**

**our lives for the brethren.** Yes, you are no good to anyone if you don't lay down your life. That old carnal man has to die. **(2Co.4:16) Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day.** The more you die, the more you live. It's just that simple. Therefore, if you love the people around you, if you love your children, your wife, your husband, you will let your carnal man die. If you don't do that, you're selfish. You want the old man to live but, if he lives, your born-again man dies and you become **(Jud.1:12) ... twice dead, plucked up by the roots.** You have to be twice-born to be twice-dead. And, yes, you can still die if you have a twice-born spirit, because you have a soul that needs to be born again. Your fruit, 30-, 60-, and 100-fold, is born in your soul. You already have fruit in your spirit, it's a brand-new spirit. Thirty-, sixty-, and one-hundred-fold, has to be born in your soul, the mind, the will, and the emotions. **(1Jn.3:17) But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?** If you don't have the love of God, you're not born of Him. **(18) [My] little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue...** There are a lot of people who do that. They say, "I love you," and then they turn around and stab you in the back. They're fakes. They know the jargon and what it takes to be acceptable, they just don't have the walk. You may even know that they're fake, but you give them the benefit of the doubt. You hope in God for them and you pray for them, but ultimately, if there's a problem, their claws will come out. **(18) [My] little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and**

**truth. (19) Hereby shall we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart before him. Amen!**

**(1Jn.5:1) Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God (Even if you believe that the real Jesus is the Christ, you don't see Him unless you're born from above. You can't see the Kingdom of God if you aren't born again {John 3:5}): **and whosoever loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.** If you love your brother as much as you love yourself, that part of you is born again. If you don't want him to have the grace and the blood-covering that's been given to you, but instead you want to be angry with him and reveal his sins, if you want to judge him but don't judge yourself, you're a hypocrite. **(2) Hereby we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do his commandments.** If you don't do God's commandments, you don't love God, and you don't love His children, because you're leading them astray. You're leaven that's leavening the whole lump (1 Corinthians 5:6; Galatians 5:9). You have to be kicked out because of your leaven (1 Corinthians 5:13). God does that regularly. He will **(1Co.5:5) ... deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.** If someone doesn't grow and is just leaven, He turns them over to the devil and they go berserk and they leave, but they may crucify you first.**

**(1Jn.5:3) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. (4) For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world** (Notice He didn't say, "whosoever," he said "whatsoever" is born of God. In other

words, whatsoever part of you that is born of God has overcome the world.): ***and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, [even] our faith.*** So, again, a person who walks in faith will be born of God, and whatsoever part of him walks in faith, will be born of God. Whatsoever part of him loves his brother will be born of God, and if he doesn't love his brother, he'll stop growing right there and won't bear any fruit. ***(1Jn.5:18) We know that whosoever is begotten of God sinneth not; but he that was begotten of God keepeth himself, and the evil one toucheth him not.*** This is talking about both your spiritual man and Christ in you. Christ in you is able to keep Himself in you, and since your spiritual man was begotten of God, he is in the image of Jesus, Who was begotten of God. People argue about whether this is Jesus or whether it's you, but you had better hope it's both. "And the evil one toucheth him not." You don't have to sin because God gave you power over sin. ***(19) We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in the evil one.*** That's true, "the whole world lieth in the evil one," including quite a few people who are called "Christians" but who are going to take the mark of the beast (Revelation 13:16).

***(1Pe.1:21) Who through him are believers in God, that raised him from the dead, and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God.***  
***(22) Seeing ye have purified your souls*** (These are born-again souls, as you're going to learn.) ***in your obedience to the truth...*** What is the truth? The Truth is the Word of God, the washing of the water with the Word (Ephesians 5:26). Every time that you are faced with a decision of whether to obey your flesh or to obey your spiritual

man, you can grow in your spiritual man, or you can grow in your flesh. It depends on whom you obey. **(Rom.6:16) Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves [as] servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?** If you continue to obey the carnal man, you won't grow; you'll die. You purify your soul in your obedience to the Truth, but in order to have the power to obey the Truth, you must believe the Gospel. You must believe the Good News that you don't live anymore, that sin has no more power over you, and that the Lord has given you His Life. You must look in the mirror and see Jesus. **(1Pe.1:22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren...** That means "un-faked" love, sincere love. There are people in the church who say they love you, but if they walk in sin, they don't love you. If they judge you instead of putting faith in your heart to overcome, they don't love you. If they criticize you and cast you down and cast away your faith, they don't love you. If you are in willful disobedience even while you claim that you're under the Blood, and they don't correct you, they don't love you. **(1Pe.1:22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently: (23) having been begotten again...** There it is, "born again." You have to have that born-again soul if you're going to manifest sonship. You have to have that purified soul, which is your mind, will, and emotions, if you're going to manifest that love.

I know there's a widespread false doctrine out there about what the manifestation of the sons of God is, but

I'm telling you here the truth about that manifestation according to what the Word says. [Editor's Note: This is a reference to self-proclaimed "Bishop" Dr. Bill Hamon and his "Manifest Sons of God of the Latter Rain" movement.] Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater. If God says it, believe it. The Bible talks about the manifestation of the sons of God. Do you want to be like Jesus? That's the manifestation of the sons of God, and it's going to happen in these days. We're going to see Jesus walking on earth again in the epiphany, shining forth from His sons in the glory of God, doing the same works that He did, living the same life, walking in righteousness and loving people, just as He did in the Gospels. Praise the Lord!

*Every Seed Brings Forth After Its Own Kind*

***(1Pe.1:22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently: (23) having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God...*** This "incorruptible seed," which is the Word of God, can create only one thing when it goes into you because each seed brings forth after its own kind. ***(Joh.3:6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*** This Seed of the Word of God can create in you only God. That's all. God's Seed does not bring forth man. God's Seed brings forth God in you, and you want Him to take over. The sons of God are born of God, born out of heaven, born of the Seed. It's an incorruptible seed; it can't bring forth anything

but God. It can only bring forth love. It can only bring forth righteousness. It can only bring forth deliverance from sin. If it's born of God, that's all it can do. It can't make man; man comes from man (John 3:6). ***(1Pe.1:22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently: (23) having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which liveth and abideth. (24) For, All flesh is as grass, And all the glory thereof as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower falleth: (25) But the word of the Lord abideth for ever. And this is the word of good tidings which was preached unto you.*** What is it that's going to last? The Word of the Lord. Who is the Word of the Lord? Jesus. ***(Rev.19:13) And he is arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood: and his name is called The Word of God***. He is the Word of God. What is temporal? Temporal life is that "grass." What is eternal life? Eternal life is "Christ in you, the hope of glory." It is the Word manifested in you. Devour the Word. Let it go into you and recreate in you that born-again man. This is the "word of good tidings which was preached unto you." This is the Good News.

Many don't know what the Good News is, they don't know that the Gospel ***(Rom.1:16) ... is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...*** They don't know what that is, but you're looking at it in the Word. What does a saved person look like? Jesus. What does a son of God look like? Jesus. What does a born-again person look like? Jesus. We're all ending-up in the same place here. It's just different ways of describing the

same situation, which is Jesus “Christ in you, the [only] hope of glory.” I put the word, “only,” in there, but that’s the truth. The only hope of glory is Christ in you, and how does He get in you? You receive the Word, which is born out of heaven, that Manna that came down out of heaven, and gives life to the world (John 6:33). If you don’t receive God’s Manna, His Word, you will not be renewed, you will not be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2). Every day, the most important thing is to study the Word of God and obey it. If you’re having trouble obeying it, go to the One Who gives you the gift of faith. **(Eph.2:8) For by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, [it is] the gift of God; (9) not of works** (This is talking about our works.), **that no man should glory.** (We cannot save ourselves by our own works.) **(10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works** (These are God’s works through us.), **which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.**

**(1Pe.2:1) Putting away therefore** (“Therefore,” meaning, “since all this is true.”) **all wickedness, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, (2) as newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation.** He’s talking to saved people who are saved by faith, but salvation has to come by manifestation. What is the manifestation of salvation? The manifestation is Christ in you. You receive Him only by faith when you first come to Him, but many think that they’ve already manifested Christ and have all they’re ever going to get. That’s because they don’t understand what faith is. As long as you’re saved by faith, you’re not saved

by manifestation. As long as you're a son of God by faith, you're not a son of God by manifestation. Faith comes before manifestation. Faith is believing that you have something, solely on the grounds that God said you have it, because He gave it to you at the Cross. The manifestation is when it comes to pass; that's when the baby's "born" and the world gets to see Christ in you.

### *We Cannot Be Distracted!*

If you're longing after the world, then you've been distracted. If you get distracted, you will not make it ***(Php.3:14) ... unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*** You will not make it. Don't let anything distract you because there's nothing out there that's more important than this. God knows if you're truly running after "the prize of the high calling," like the Shulamite in the Song of Solomon. The other queens and the concubines, all of Solomon's "girls" there, think she's a fanatic. No, the Shulamite is the one who's going to make it. She'll be the Bride. Don't let the things of the world become distractions (Mark 4:19). Ask God to put it in your heart to make you run the race. So many are losing the race; they don't know that they're running against the clock. You have only a certain amount of time to manifest that 100-fold fruit, and if you're distracted, you won't make it. The Shulamite wouldn't be distracted. She told them, "No, I don't have time for you, I'm running after Jesus." ***(1Pe.2:2) As newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto***

**salvation.** There is a manifestation of salvation. It looks like Jesus. It looks like holiness. It looks like deliverance from sin. That's what salvation is.

**(1Pe.1:3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again** (That's from two root words, *ana* meaning "up again" and *gennaó* meaning "be born," in other words, "born-again from on high.") ***unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*** We died with Him, and when He was resurrected, we were resurrected. We accept that by faith, but we see it by manifestation only when we're willing to give up the old life. You can't have resurrection life without death. You can't gain your life without losing your life. There's only enough room in you for one, and as the old man dies, the new man comes to life. When the Israelites went into the Promised Land, they had to kill the tribes living there, who represented the old man. They were to take their houses to live in and raise their own fruit in their fields (Deuteronomy 6:10-11). That's a parable for us. So to paraphrase this, He "begat us again" at the Cross "unto a living hope," and notice that the Greek word for "hope" is *elpis*, meaning "a firm expectation of what is certain." **(1Pe.1:4) Unto an inheritance incorruptible...** Most people think that's what they're going to get just in heaven, but you'd better get it down here because this is where the fruit is born. You have to turn dirt to plant seed, and the fruit comes out of the dirt. **(1Pe.1:4) Unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.** We've been given a gift in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. **(Eph.2:6) And raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the**

**heavenly [places], in Christ Jesus.** In Christ, you are abiding in heavenly places. In Christ, you're going to have every gift that you're going to get. Abiding in Him, you bear fruit. If you don't abide in Him, you don't bear fruit and they will hew you down and throw you in the fire (Matthew 7:19).

**(1Pe.1:4) Unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, (5) who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.** If you say, "Oh, I thought I already had salvation!" You have it by faith. You must have it by manifestation. Everything that you believe for from God, you receive it first by faith before it is manifested. You receive the Glory of Jesus by faith. As you walk that faith out and you're willing to die, then He shines forth from you to a greater and greater extent. It's like the Bride arrayed with the glowing wedding garment. **(Rev.19:8) And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright** (That's the Greek word *lampros* translated as "shining, magnificent, glowing, bright, splendid.") **[and] pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.** Those who are invited to the marriage feast have on only a *leukos* garment, which just means "white" (Revelation 19:14). White is good but *lampros* is shining. The Bride is radiant, shining with the Glory of God. It's the same with you. That glory that shines forth out of you is the "righteous acts of the saints."

**(1Pe.1:6) Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold** (That simply means "of various kinds.") **trials.** Yes, trials are the way to Jesus. You have

decisions to make in trials. The trial is about whom you will obey, the old man or the new man. That's what a trial is and, of course, if you love Him, you're going to keep His commandments (John 14:15). Trials prove who really loves Him. The ones who love Him are going to manifest Him. They're going to have that shining forth from them, that *phaneroo*, that *ephiphaneia*. They've proven through the trials that they love God and that they're going to keep His Word. It's worth it to them to lose their life to gain that heavenly life and sit next to the Father. **(1Pe.1:6) *Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold trials, (7) that the proof of your faith, [being] more precious than gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire*** (You go through the fire and you come out with the gold if you love Him.), ***may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ*** (He already told us in verse 5 that it's the revelation at the "last time." The manifestation of your salvation is not the beginning, it's the end.): **(8) *whom not having seen ye love; on whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and full of glory: (9) receiving the end of your faith, [even] the salvation of [your] souls.*** It's not your spirit. Your spirit's already saved and when you die, your spirit goes back to God if you don't overcome. **(Ecc.12:7) *And the dust returneth to the earth as it was, and the spirit returneth unto God who gave it.*** Your soul is your mind, your will, and your emotions; it is who you are. **(1Pe.1:10) *Concerning which salvation the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the***

**grace that [should come] unto you: (11) searching what [time] or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow them.**

**(Jas.1:19) Ye know [this,] my beloved brethren. But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: (20) for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.** Remember, the born again are righteous because the born again don't sin. The born again don't go out in wrath. **(21) Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness...** If you didn't have the ability to put it away, why would he tell you to do something that you can't do? When you're walking by faith and you look in the mirror and see Jesus, you don't see someone who has no power. If Jesus is the One Who lives in you, you do have power because you believe in Him. You believe that His life is your life, and therefore, His power is your power and you have power over sin. Anyone who tells you differently, including the devil, is telling you an anti-Christ gospel. **(Jas.1:21) Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word** (The word for "implanted" here is the same word as "inborn" or "ingrafted."), **which is able to save your souls.** We're finding out that the salvation of our soul is the end of our faith, not the beginning of our faith. As long as you have faith, you're still waiting for the manifestation, but when it's manifested, you don't need faith anymore because you've received it. **(Heb.11:1 KJV) Now faith is the substance of [things] hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.** Faith is only good until the answer

comes. If you're saved by faith, it means you're not saved by manifestation. So, we're working towards this manifestation. As we die, we gain.

**(Jas.1:22) But be ye doers of the word** (Again, that's what the spiritual man does. He does the Word. He is righteous; he loves.), **and not hearers only, deluding your own selves.** The people who claim, "We don't have to obey," and "That's salvation by works," are deceived because they don't want to be delivered of the old man. They want to continue on in their sins and so they justify themselves by having a doctrine that's goofy. **(23) For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror.** Yes, if you're constantly looking at the old man, "Oh, woe is me! Look at that sin!" then you're never going to get the manifestation because there's no faith involved, and **(Rom.1:17) ... the righteous shall live by** (That's the Greek word *ek* and it literally means "from.") **faith.** "The righteous shall live from faith." You must believe you have received. Jesus said, **(Mar.11:24) ... All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye received them, and ye shall have them.** That is faith.

**(Jas.1:23) For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror: (24) for he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.** When you are in a trial, which is a war between your spiritual man and your carnal man, act in the Spirit. If you walk after the Spirit, you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh. **(Rom.8:13) For if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye**

**shall live.** If you walk after the flesh, you must die. This is someone who forgets what manner of man he was. He forgets it until the next time God brings it up in front of his face, and if he doesn't obey it then, he'll forget it until the next time. If this is you, you're running out of time. Repent. Follow the Lord. Pray and ask Him for every need and believe that you've received everything. After all, we're trying to find out who is a believer, because not everyone who is a Christian is a believer. Those who don't believe don't go very far. **(Jas.1:25) But he that looketh into the perfect law, the [law] of liberty, and [so] continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing. (26) If any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain. (27) Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, [and] to keep oneself unspotted from the world.** In other words, be a doer. **(Jas.2:15) If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food, (16) and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit? (Jas.3:17) But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?** If you see your brother in need and don't help him, how does the love of God abide in you? If you don't have the love of God, you're not born again.

### The Glorious Reward

Let's look at the awesome reward that God has for you if you lose your life in this world. **(2Co.3:18) But we all, with unveiled face** (This is only if you're not blinded, only if you haven't been deceived into not seeing what the Gospel is.) **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit**. It takes imagination, an "image," to see Jesus in the mirror, and so you see Jesus by faith. He gave His life for you and now you don't live anymore, but Christ lives in you, and you confess the good confession in the sight of many witnesses. Faith without works is dead; when you truly believe something, you speak it. **(Psa.107:2) Let the redeemed of the Lord say [so], Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the adversary**. When you believe that you've received this gift from God, this free gift, not because of any works of yours, then what happens? Then you're going to be "transformed into the same image from glory to glory"! That's star glory, moon glory, and ultimately, sun glory. You're going to go through the process and you're going to manifest Jesus Christ. **(2Co.4:3) And even if our gospel is veiled...** And it is veiled. You don't find this in the dead churches out there; that's the reason they're dead. They don't have any power and that's the reason they don't have any power: they don't believe the Gospel and it's only the Gospel that brings "Christ in you, the hope of glory." **(2Co.4:3) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish** (This is *apolumi* and it literally means "are perishing." Yes, the people of God are perishing!): **(4) in whom the god of this**

***world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn [upon them].*** The “light of the gospel,” the Good News, is that you don’t live anymore and He lives in you. You see Him in the mirror and are transformed into that same image from glory to glory.

The devil is in the churches to deceive you about the Gospel. The churches don’t know what the Gospel is and they don’t know what the Gospel does. They say the Gospel is, “Just accept Jesus as your personal Savior.” No, that’s not the Gospel. There’s not a single verse in the Bible that says that, not one. The Lord demands you repent and believe the Word, but the churches don’t believe the Word and so they don’t know what “born again” is. Get out of there, because a little leaven leavens the whole lump. Get your Word. Read the Word. Get the Gospel straight from the Lord. Don’t believe these liars but seek out your own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12). They didn’t have that problem in the first church back then because those people were all trained by Jesus, but they said that there was coming a great falling away (John 16:1; 2 Thessalonians 2:3; Hebrews 3:12), and we’re still looking at it. The light of the Gospel won’t dawn upon them.

***(2Co.4:5) For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. (6) Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness...*** That “light” is your spirit man, shining forth through the “darkness” of your soul, your mind, will, and emotions, which are not yet come into the image of Jesus Christ. In other words, your soul has not yet come into the manifestation of sal-

vation. **(6) Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.** There it is again. So if you're not blinded by the devil, you can get the revelation that **(2Co.3:18) ... we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory.** We're not looking at the natural man in the mirror; he's dead. We confess him as dead because when we were baptized, the old man died right there. Remember that. The old man died right there. If you haven't been baptized, you need to get baptized. It's an act of faith. You're accepting the fact that the old man is dead and the new man now lives (Romans 6:1-14). **(2Co.4:7) But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves** (Who is going to do this work? You? No, you can't pick yourself up by your bootstraps, but God can do it. God can bring the manifestation to pass.); **(8) [we are] pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; (9) pursued, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed; (10) always bearing about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our body.** "I thought that didn't happen until I went to heaven, David." Well, that's what the traditional church teaches, and so you're going to miss it if you don't study the Word.

Where is the manifestation of Christ? The manifestation is in your body on the earth. You may say, "But that's a new body." Oh, no, it's not. The very next verse tells us it's

not. **(2Co.4:11) For we who live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.**

Now you can see clearly that this makes you responsible. Here is where the fruit grows. Here is where the dirt is. **(13) But having the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, I believed, and therefore did I speak** (If you believe it, are you going to speak it? Remember that faith without works is dead.); **we also believe, and therefore also we speak.** Do you believe that you died and you don't live anymore and Christ lives in you? Then say it. **(Psa.107:2) Let the redeemed of the Lord say [so]...**

What is the reward? Are we all going to look like Jesus in heaven? Are we all going to have the same reward, as some people preach? Well, no, Scripture doesn't say that anywhere because that's not the truth. **(2Co.5:1) For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God...** We have it. It's already being built by our works, our good works, just as is the Bride's garment. We're supposed to be **(Jud.1:23) ... hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.** You hate the works of the flesh because your garment is the righteous acts of the saints. A "building from God" is talking about your body, your "tabernacle," which is dissolved. **(1Co.5:1) For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. (2) For verily in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon** (So now that body of yours is a tabernacle, it's a building from God, and it's clothing. The Bride's clothing, the righteous acts of

the saints, is the *lampros* garment, glowing with the glory of God.) ***with our habitation which is from heaven*** (Some people say, “Well, we have to die to get that,” but as we read on, you’ll see that’s wrong.): ***(3) if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.*** When we meet the Lord, we don’t want to be naked. We want to have that clothing, that spotless and blemishless life. ***(4) For indeed we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed*** (In other words, we don’t want to lose this body until we have created our new garment.), ***but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life.*** Where do you get the life? As ***(2Co.4:16) ... our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day.*** The life is here. As we walk this earth, we’re creating our new garment, like the one that the Bride has through the righteous acts of the saints. You want to be clothed upon with that which is immortal so that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life. Remember we just read that ***(2Co.4:11) ... Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.***

***(2Co.5:5) Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit. (6) Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord (7) (for we walk by faith, not by sight).*** You must remember that or you will never make any progress whatsoever towards the Lord. You see the end from the beginning. You look in the mirror and you see Jesus. That is your goal. That’s “the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” ***(8) We are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent***

***from the body, and to be at home with the Lord.***

Are you willing? A lot of people aren't; they just talk about it. They don't want to die today. If you don't want to die today, then you really don't have that desire that Paul had, or that the Shulamite had, or that the sons of God have, that desire to be in the Presence of God. Lose your life to gain your life. You're talking and thinking physically. Lose your life to gain your life. Lose your *psuche* life, your soulish life, and gain your *zoe* life, your heavenly life, and where does this happen? This happens on the earth.

***(2Co.5:9) Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him. (10) For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ...*** Now, "judgment-seat" here, *béma*, can be translated as, and literally means, "footprint tribunal." In other words, we're being tested to see if we walk in the steps of Jesus. ***(1Jn.2:6) He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked.*** What is a "Christian" supposed to look like? That's a silly question. The answer is "Christ"; the word is "Christian," meaning "a follower of Christ." So why does no one look like Christ? It's because the "image" in their imagination is not Christ; they're patterning themselves after men instead of Christ. We want to look like Christ, love like Christ, have the fruit like Christ, treat other people like Christ, go to our cross like Christ, and on and on. Do we walk in His steps? We're being tested. ***(2Co.5:10) For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body...*** (The numeric pattern here shows the original and correct wording is "through the body.") ***according to what he hath***

**done, whether [it be] good or bad.** Notice the Bride did what was good and she had a *lampros* garment, unspotted by the works of the flesh. The Bible tells us, **(Rom.13:14) But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfill] the lusts [thereof].** Put on the Lord Jesus Christ. That's the "garment." That's the "building" from God. That's the "tabernacle" from God, and He's telling you that your body is going to be how you're rewarded. This is correctly read, "that each one may receive through the body according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

Paul said the resurrected saints have three different bodies. There's a star glory body, moon glory body, and a sun glory body (1 Corinthians 15:41). That's 30-, 60-, and 100-fold glory, so everyone is not going to have the same body. The most righteous will sit with Him in His throne. They are overcomers. What have they overcome? Sin. They will each one "receive through the body according to what he hath done." The reward is going to be according to one of those three bodies. Praise God! Wouldn't you like to have a sun-glory body for eternity? What are the privileges of a sun-glory body? Far above a star-glory body. Many, many fail to overcome, but you suffer just a little while down here, saints, and what you get you're going to have for eternity.

Jesus said, **(Mat.13:16) But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. (17) For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which ye see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which ye hear, and heard them not. (18) Hear then ye the parable of the sower. (19) When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and under-**

***standeth it not, [then] cometh the evil [one], and snatcheth away that which hath been sown in his heart.*** There is a time when people can receive more than what they have now, a time when a foundation has been laid for them to receive deeper understanding. Whatsoever part of you is born of God can see the Kingdom, and the part of you that is not, cannot see the Kingdom. Born again comes with its privileges. You have ever-growing discernment and wisdom, but you still need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit just as the New Testament commands. ***(1Co.12:4) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (5) And there are diversities of ministrations, and the same Lord. (6) And there are diversities of workings, but the same God, who worketh all things in all. (7) But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal. (8) For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit: (9) to another faith, in the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, in the one Spirit; (10) and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits; to another [divers] kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues: (11) but all these worketh the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each one severally even as he will.*** Those who don't want any of the gifts have rejected the Word of God, which came to give these awesome gifts. You need these gifts, the people around you need these gifts. Jesus had these gifts and you can't have Jesus without having His gifts. The Jesus of the Bible had a supernatural ministry.

Christianity is supernatural. If your Christianity is dead, you have a dead Jesus and that's another Jesus, because our Jesus is powerful, holy, and righteous, and He's not sick, either. Our Jesus is delivered from sin and has power over sin. That's the Jesus we see in the mirror. **(Mat.13:19)** *When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, [then] cometh the evil [one], and snatcheth away that which hath been sown in his heart. This is he that was sown by the way side.* You might have been, at one time, one of those "by the wayside." You heard it and it didn't do you a bit of good, it just went right on out and you forgot it. **(20)** *And he that was sown upon the rocky places, this is he that heareth the word, and straightway with joy receiveth it* (We see a lot of people who receive the Word with joy, but how long is it going to last? Not long.); **(21)** *yet hath he not root in himself* (If you're not rooted in the Word, you don't love the Word. You have to put that Word in there until it overcomes your old programming.), *but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word...* Tribulation has to come because of the Word. When the Word comes in, you are tested, you're tried to see whether you're going to listen to your carnal man or your spiritual man. If you listen to your carnal man, you're going to die a little bit every time you do it. If you listen to your spiritual man, you're going to grow a little bit every time you do it. **(Mat.13:21)** *Yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway he stumbleth.* They were sown on the rocky places and sprouted up with joy, but they gave the Word no root. They

didn't spend any time with Jesus. They didn't ask Him for help; they just muddled through and failed because they tried to do it themselves. The world is full of these people, but when they get to hear the real Gospel from the Man-child ministry a lot of them are going to come back.

***(Mat.13:22) And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that heareth the word; and the care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word...*** It always does. If you love the things of the world, the love of the Father is not in you (1 John 2:15). If you love the Father, then you're going after the Word, you're going after "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). ***(Mat.13:22) And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that heareth the word; and the care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.*** The seed is sown in your heart. Your heart is the womb of the Seed, the *sperma*. Your heart is where the Seed is sown and you break up your fallow ground by repenting (Jeremiah 4:3; Hosea 10:12). That is how you give good ground to the Seed, otherwise, that Word will become unfruitful. You will have wasted it. ***(Mat.13:23) And he that was sown upon the good ground, this is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; who verily beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*** Praise God! But that's only one out of four. At least three of those received the Word into their heart with belief but lost it. That just tells you very clearly how many people are out there in the world who, at one time, had an experience with God but then lost it. Only the Word can bear fruit. Maybe because they only heard lies and something other than the Word,

when they hear the real Gospel, they'll pick it up again. Of course, some won't. Some will never come back.

*He Sent Us Forth With Power*

***(Psa.82:1) God standeth in the congregation of God*** (So these are His people.); ***He judgeth among the gods.*** Who are these “gods”? Well, if God has a son, that son is a god. Is your flesh God? No. Is your natural man God? No. Can you make God? No. It's the Word of God that makes God. The Word is the Seed of God, it's the *sperma* of God. It can't bring forth anything but God. If you say, “Well, that's blasphemy, David.” No, it's not. It's right here, and Jesus said the same thing; He quoted this. ***(2) How long will ye judge unjustly, And respect the persons of the wicked?*** He's talking about you. He's telling you sons of God out there, you people of God out there, to do this. ***(4) Rescue the poor and needy: Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.*** We can do this because we have the same authority that Jesus had. ***(Joh.20:21) ... as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*** He sent us forth with power. ***(Mat.18:18) Verily I say unto you, What things soever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and what things soever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*** And He said, ***(Joh.14:12) ... He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father.*** He sent us forth with power to help His people. ***(Psa.82:5) They know not, neither do they un-***

***derstand; They walk to and fro in darkness: All the foundations of the earth are shaken. (6) I said, Ye are gods, And all of you sons of the Most High.*** Notice this is plural, “ye are gods.” All of you are sons of the Most High. If you’re a son of God, then you’re God. No, not you, the natural man. That’s the enemy of God. It’s Christ in you. If you don’t have Christ in you, then you don’t have God in you. If you do have Christ in you, then you have God in you, and He’s growing in you like a baby. He’s growing, growing, growing in the womb of your heart and you need to keep feeding Him. Jesus said you are gods when He quoted from this Psalm. ***(Joh.10:35) If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), (36) say ye of him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am [the] son of God?***

***(Psa.82:7): Nevertheless ye shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes.*** (We know that we have to die; the old man has to die.) ***(8) Arise, O God, judge the earth; For thou shalt inherit all the nations.*** “Arise, O God,” is that resurrected person in us. That resurrected man in us is God, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” It’s not you, the old man; it’s not you, the natural man; it’s not you, the fallen man. They can’t ever be God. I’m just saying what Jesus said. ***(Joh.10:35) If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken)*** (He’s saying that this is what the Word of God says.), ***say ye of him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am [the] son of God?*** Who did that make Him? Well, the Jews knew Who

it made Him. If He was the Son of God, then He's God. You see, God made this earth as a proving ground for the sons of God. He is going to prove, before this is over, the power of the Gospel to manifest the sons of God, which the whole creation is waiting for, including that old natural creation that you walk in, this man that you walk in. The creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God (Romans 8:19). Look how many people were waiting for Jesus to show up. Why? He had the Truth which sets free (John 8:32). He set the creation free. He had the power to heal the sick. He had the power to raise the dead. What is the manifestation of the sons of God going to do? That's right, we're going to have Jesus after Jesus after Jesus here, an *epiphaneia* of Him shining forth out of His people to do the exact same works, except even greater (John 14:12). How awesome that will be! We are son of man, but we are son of God. The son of man is dying, the son of God is resurrecting. He's going to shine forth, 30-, 60-, and 100-fold. Some people want to short-circuit that with a doctrine of "100-fold" meaning 100 people whom you lead to salvation, but what if you saved over 100 people? No, "100-fold" is the fruit of Christ. It is His Word in your heart, and the Word in your heart brings forth Him in you. It has nothing to do with how many people you save. Why does Scripture say you can go only to 100-fold? That's because in the Bible, "100" symbolizes "completeness."

Father, we thank You for this awesome gift of Yours, this gift of being born again. Let Your people know, Lord, what born again really is, the truth about being born again, the truth about the Gospel. Let Your people know the truth about what You came to do, that You came to replicate Yourself in this earth and have many people manifest the

sons of God. He was the first-born among many brethren. Thank You, Father, for this great hope and this prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## CHAPTER THREE

### The Truth About Born Again, Part 3

#### *The Process of Sanctification*

I'd like to go deeper into what it is to be born again, what it is to be a son of God. There are many parallels in the Bible to being born again, but a lot of people don't know that they're parallels. "Sanctification" is one of those parallels; it's the same thing as coming into the manifestation of the Son of God. We are here to come into His Image. ***(2Co.3:18) But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.*** From glory to glory, we come into the Image of Jesus Christ. The Bible shows us what Jesus looks like, and that's what the Lord wants us to look like. Anyone who sells you short on that and doesn't motivate you to bear the fruit of Jesus Christ, 30-, 60-, and 100-fold, is doing you a great disservice. You'll miss the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Our mindset should be, ***(Php.3:14) I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.***

***(2Pe.1:19) And we have*** (He says "we" here, so we know Peter is addressing Christians, those who already have a born-again spirit.) ***the word of prophecy [made] more sure...*** Paul said that we "prophecy in part," and that's because prophecy can grow with the measure of your faith (1 Corinthians 13:9). As you grow and mature, more and more, you prophecy more in the

Lord (1 Corinthians 13:10), but until then, we do have a “more sure” Word of prophecy and that’s the Scripture. The Scripture is all a prophecy, because history always repeats (Ecclesiastes 1:9-11). **(2Pe.1:19) And we have the word of prophecy [made] more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed,** (He’s speaking about “paying careful attention” to God’s Word.), **as unto a lamp shining in a dark place...** The Word of God is the Light (Psalm 119:105; Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 4:16; etc.) What is the “lamp”? **(Pro.20:27) The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all his innermost parts.** And what is this “dark place”? The “dark place” is the dark place of the soul. It is the mind, the will, and the emotions, that need to be transformed the same way your spirit was transformed. And, of course, as our spirit follows the Holy Spirit, we come into the 30-, 60-, and 100-fold manifestation of this glory, from star glory to moon glory to sun glory (1 Corinthians 15:41). These are the different, heavenly born-again bodies that God gives to those who have born-again souls. We all know about the darkness in the mind, the will, and emotions, and we deal with it, but we’re motivated more highly to do that because we’re coming into His Image, which is **(Php.3:14) ... the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**

**(2Pe.1:19) And we have the word of prophecy [made] more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts.** “Dawning” is talking about the sun, and the “day-star,” which shines during the day, is talking about the sun. It’s a parable of the Son, Jesus Christ. He is the Light, He is the Word that shines into our soul and dispels all of the

darkness. Glory be to God! We're told to ***(Pro.4:13) Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: Keep her; for she is thy life.*** We're supposed to hold on to the Word and let it work in us. Unless we eat His Body, which is the Bread, and drink His Blood, we have no life in us (John 6:53), but there is a fake body and blood of Jesus Christ out there. ***(Pro.4:17) For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence.*** Now we know that the bread and wine of Jesus Christ is not this, yet that's what the dead churches are feeding you. They're feeding you another Jesus and a different gospel because they have a different spirit (2 Corinthians 11:4). ***(18) But the path of the righteous*** (A path is to walk on; the righteous are not supposed to be standing still.) ***is as the dawning light, That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*** The "perfect day" is when the sun is straight up and there are no shadows; the darkness has been dispelled. That's maturity. You are all light because your soul is filled with the Light of God. Everywhere light goes, it destroys darkness, but if you will not put the Light in your heart, in your soul, the darkness will not be dispelled. So that's what we're called to, friends, and that's what this verse is talking about. He's showing you very clearly that this is a process of coming into the Image of Jesus Christ, which is being born-again in spirit, soul, and body. This is the truth. Your whole being has to be born from above. It is in the spirit and soul of your physical body that the manifestation of Christ is coming. It is not in body; their new body is the reward for those who have been sanctified in soul, and it is according to whatever that state is, whether 30-, 60-, or 100-fold. This is what determines which of the three heavenly bodies the saints will receive, star glory, moon glory,

or sun glory. There's the greatest reward, obviously, for sun glory. That body has more power, it has more gifts, more ability, more holiness and righteousness, and so on.

Coming into the Image of Christ is also the process that we call "sanctification." "Sanctification" is what changes you from living according to the flesh to living according to the spirit. **(1Th.5:22) Abstain from every form of evil. (23) And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly...** Sanctification is in your abstaining from these things and instead, fulfilling your water baptism through the death of the old man and resurrection of the new man. **(Eph.5:26) That he might sanctify it** (This is speaking of the Church.), **having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word.** The "Water" is the Word of God. It's the Water that puts to death your old man, just like the Light puts to death the darkness. **(1Th.5:23) And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly...** Can you imagine that God is able to "sanctify you wholly," or "completely"? It's His plan. Is it yours? If He took away your sins, how many of them did He not take away? And if He gave you His Life, how much of His Life did He give you? The truth is He already gave you His Life, He already nailed your sins on that Cross. Are you going to accept the fullness of this or are you going to run after the world? That's the question. To some, "the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" is a prize worth running after, like the Shulamite did in the Song of Solomon.

**(1Th.5:23) And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire...** "Preserved entire" is something that doesn't happen to a person who falls into degeneration. Are there people who fall away after coming to the

Lord? Of course. ***(Jud.1:12) These are they who are hidden rocks in your love-feasts when they feast with you, shepherds that without fear feed themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn leaves without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.*** You can't be "twice dead" unless you are "twice born." So there are people who are born again and they die again, but that possibility is totally conquered when a person's soul is changed. You know your soul has changed in some areas because things that used to tempt you or be a trial, now don't tempt you or test you anymore. You've overcome in that area and the Blood has washed you there; the Word of God has dispelled the darkness there. But, what about this other spot, and that one over there? What about these? You're not ever to sit down and not run the race. ***(1Co.9:24) Know ye not that they that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? Even so run; that ye may attain.*** We have to work on this every day.

The Bible says, ***(Php.2:12) So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*** Salvation is a process. You don't just step over some line and then sit on a pew for the rest of your life thinking that everything's fine and you're a shoo-in for heaven. That's a lie that the dead churches preach. They believe that's all they're ever going to get, but this Word of God will motivate you to run after Jesus. Wouldn't you like to be preserved without any part of you decayed, and not have the garment "spotted by the flesh" (Jude 1:23) because your works are the works of evil? ***(1Th.5:23) And the God of peace***

**himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Remember, we found that we'll be ashamed before Him if He isn't shining forth from us (1 John 2:28). That's the Light coming forth out of us. If you put it in, it will come out. **(24) Faithful is he that calleth you, who will also do it.** So, once again, this is talking to Christians here because there is something for Christians to do. They're not just sitting on a pew, waiting for the Lord to come so they can fly away. Obviously, if He came right now, a lot of people couldn't go because they're not sanctified, they're not walking by faith, and they don't even know what faith is. You need to get into God's Word and have your mind renewed by the Word of God. It is awesome! God's Word puts hope in you and motivates you.

### *The Spirit of Adoption*

**(Rom.8:12) So then, brethren** (He's talking to God's people here.), ***we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh...*** A lot of God's people are living after the flesh; they run after anything that motivates their flesh, and they're so distracted that they can't hear the Voice of the Spirit. That's a terrible mistake. **(Rom.8:14) For as many are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.** And if you keep following after the flesh, you won't make it. **(Rom.8:12) So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh: (13) for if ye live after the flesh, ye must die** (In other

words, follow your lower nature and you will die.); **but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye shall live.** Notice it's not by your power, it's by God's power. Buffet your body and bring it into bondage, just as Paul said (1 Corinthians 9:27). Don't let it rule you, don't let it tell you what you're going to do in the next moment because it will tell you to go feed your flesh. That's what it always does. "Fasting" is denying your flesh to be fed, and that's not only physical food. There's a spiritual application there, too. You don't give in to your flesh when it wants you to give in to the distractions of the world. You don't give your flesh what it wants. Instead, you buffet it. You say, "No! I'm ruling over you, you're not ruling over me. I want to be free in the next moment to follow the Holy Spirit." **(Rom.8:14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.** Wow! You see, we have to learn how to be led by the Spirit of God, learn not to be distracted by the old flesh. **(15) For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.** Yes, you can call Him "Father." He said we would call Him "my Father" (Psalm 89:26; Jeremiah 3:19; Matthew 6:9; etc.) and this is the relationship He wants. It's "my Father," not all of those Old Testament names from when the Jews were under the Law. He has something better for us, a Father/child relationship and a Father/son relationship. Notice that those are two different relationships.

We receive a "spirit of adoption," and what does that do? It brings us to the Lord, brings us to the adoption. **(Rom.8:16) The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: (17) and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs**

***with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him],*** (Suffer what? We suffer the death of the flesh, the denying of the flesh.) ***that we may be also glorified with [him].*** What is this being “glorified with him”? It’s the glory of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:18) because that’s the gift that’s been given to us. That’s who we are now. The old man died in those waters of baptism and the one that came up was the Son of God. If you’re glorified with Him, that’s the 30-, 60-, or 100-fold. It’s also the star, moon, and sun glory, that we ultimately arrive at if we’re running down this path. It is sonship, it is sanctification. It’s all these things. Paul said, ***(Rom.8:18) For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward.*** Notice that the “revealing” is the manifestation, the shining-forth from us. ***(19) For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God.*** What is the natural creation? It is this life that you have that you live in, that your spirit-man is growing in. The earnest expectation of this creation is waiting for the manifesting of the sons of God, the shining-forth from the sons of God.

***(Rom.8:20) For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it, in hope (21) that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. (22) For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. (23) And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit*** (That is when you received the Holy Spirit in your born-again

spirit.), ***even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for [our] adoption, [to wit,] the redemption of our body.*** Notice that the full adoption is spirit, then soul, then body. The body, of course, is the reward for manifesting Christ in your soul. **(24) For in hope were we saved...** “Hope,” the Greek word *elpis*, means the “firm expectation” of something that you don’t yet see. Do you know what “saved” is? It’s Jesus Christ, and you look at Him in the mirror because that’s the One Who is saved. When you do that, what you’re saying is, “I’m saved,” and you’re saying it by faith. **Faith (Rom.4:17) ... calleth the things that are not, as though they were.** You’re believing for the complete manifestation upfront. Jesus said, **(Mar.11:24) ... All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye received them, and ye shall have them.** And so we’re waiting for this adoption. **(Rom.8:24) For in hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: for who hopeth for that which he seeth? (25) But if we hope for that which we see not, [then] do we with patience wait for it.** We’re waiting for the adoption of our soul, for the manifestation of Jesus Christ in our soul, because not only will it deliver us, but it also will deliver those around us and the physical creation we’re living in. The whole creation is groaning and just waiting for this to happen. That’s what the manifestation of the sons of God is all about.

### *From a Child of God to a Son of God*

Let’s look at what the difference is between a “child” and

a “son.” (1Jn.3:2) ***Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is.*** We know that we will be like Him, which is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We are growing from children to full-grown sons. (Pro.29:21) ***He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child Shall have him become a son at the last.*** That is the manifestation of sonship. The way to grow into this is through faith, believing we have received because God promised. (Gal.3:26) ***For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus.*** Of course, all of us are sons because that’s what faith believes. Everything is through faith in Christ Jesus. We have faith that He took away our sins and gave us His life. He made an “exchange,” which is the Greek word *katallasso*. It is an exchange between Christ and us. He gave us His Life when He took away our life and nailed it to that Cross. So if we have faith in Him, He empowers us by His Spirit, to put to death the “old man” of the land (Romans 6:6; Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:9). That’s the old man that the Israelites had to conquer before they took the Promised Land in a parable for us. We are that land (Hebrews 6:7), the Canaanites, in type, are the old man of the flesh, and their gods, their lords, are the demons that rule over them (Deuteronomy 32:17; 1 Corinthians 10:20). (Gal.3:27) ***For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.*** When you are baptized, you are to believe from that point on that you are walking in the body of Christ and there is no sin in Him. Now, of course, you know that there are still parts of you that have not manifestly come into Christ, parts of you where you still have sin, but the pro-

cess is to bring you completely into Christ until **(Col.3:11) ... Christ is all, and in all.**

**(Gal.3:28) There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye all are one [man] in Christ Jesus.** (One in Christ Jesus.) **(29) And if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise.** He didn't say that you had already inherited it; He said you are heirs of the promise. You will inherit the promise if you believe you have received it, as Jesus said (Mark 11:24). Now that it has been given, it is a matter of us taking it by fighting the good fight of faith. Notice that the word for "son," as in verse 26, is *huios* and the word for "child" is *teknon*. They shouldn't be interchanged because in every text, it means exactly what it says. Now the *King James* is very bad about this; it flip-flops them back and forth, but even the *Received Text* shows you which word is which. So there's a revelation being hidden there because of that mistranslation. The *huios* emphasizes a special relationship to God, whereas the *teknon* only emphasizes a birth. I once read a testimony of a person who was totally abused by their parents, and this person never called them "mom" and "dad" because they always were an enemy who hated them, abused them, and so forth. You might have been born from somebody, but if you don't follow in their steps, you're not going to have that special relationship. And we don't want to follow in the steps of our natural parents because, as good as they may have been, they're not as good as God. Jesus said, **(Luk.6:40KJV) The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.** We want to make our Master, Jesus. We can no longer follow our natural, earthly

parents or any other man. We have to make Jesus our goal, our “prize of the high calling.”

Now you may be claiming, “Hey, I’m Abraham’s seed,” (Romans 2:29) and yes, you might be, but that doesn’t mean you’re automatically going to inherit the Kingdom. Let me explain that to you. We know Abraham had a lot of seed (Genesis 16:15,21:3,25:1-4), but he had two in particular that are a parable for us, Ishmael and Isaac. ***(Gal.4:1) But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a bondservant though he is lord of all.*** How can he be a bondservant and yet be the lord of all? That’s because there’s a difference between manifestation and faith. By faith, we’ve been given it all. By faith, we’re joint-heirs with Christ. And by faith, we’re in the Body of Christ, but there’s no sin in the Body of Christ. This means we have to accept, by faith, that those parts of us which are not manifestly saved and delivered, are saved and delivered. ***(Gal.4:1) But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a bondservant though he is lord of all.*** Notice that the “child” is a “bondservant.” The Lord is giving us another piece of the parable. ***(Pro.29:21) He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become a son at the last.*** I don’t know if you have read the book by Lew Wallace or watched the movie of *Ben Hur*. The story is that Ben Hur is falsely arrested and sent to row as a slave in a Roman military ship. When, after three years, his ship is sunk in battle, Ben Hur saves the ship’s commander, who rewards Ben Hur by giving him his freedom and also adopting him as his son. The Romans had that custom of adult adoption, and Jesus spoke about it because they were living under the Roman Empire at the time. So, “He

that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become a son at the last.” Notice that the manifestation of sonship is “at the last.” This is why you’ve been sown in the earth in the first place; it’s to become a son of God. **(Rom.8:29) For whom he foreknew, he also foreordained to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.** Jesus Christ was “the firstborn among many brethren,” and bringing many sons to glory is His plan.

**(Gal.4:1) But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a bondservant though he is lord of all; (2) but is under guardians and stewards until the day appointed of the father.** Lots of God’s people are still in playpens and they need to grow up, climb over the bars, and get out. As Jesus said when He went into the sheepfold, He freed His sheep so that they could go in and go out and find pasture. **(Joh.10:1) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. (2) But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (3) To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. (4) When he hath put forth all his own, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. (7) Jesus therefore said unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. (8) All that came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. (9) I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and go**

**out, and shall find pasture.** And that's the truth; we're free. We don't belong to any denomination. If you do, you're wrong. All the denominations in Jesus' day were wrong. He didn't choose a single one of them. They were all reprobate, but there were people who were coming out of them, and they were the "church," the "called out ones." The Greek word translated "church" is *ekklēsia* and it comes from *ek*, meaning "out from and to," and *kalēō*, meaning "to call." It's the same today; there are people who are answering the call to "come out from among them" (Isaiah 52:11; Jeremiah 51:45; Revelation 18:4).

If you're going to mature, you can't stay in the playpen. It's that simple. You can't stay on the "milk," either, but milk is already more than what some people get in the playpen. **(Gal.4:3) So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the rudiments of the world.** "Rudiments" is the word, *stoicheion*, which means "first principles in a series of principles." The church is not growing people into sonship because they're full of the principles of the world. The church copies the world in everything but we're supposed to copy the Lord, to emulate the Lord in everything. The church is full of the rudiments of the world, so they're still children and servants. You have to come out from among them and be separate in order to grow into sonship. **(2Co.6:16) And what agreement hath a temple of God with idols? for we are a temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (17) Wherefore Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, And touch no unclean thing; And I will receive you, (18) And will be to you a Father,**

**And ye shall be to me sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.**

***(Gal.4:4) But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, (5) that he might redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*** We've already seen that the "adoption of sons" is the manifestation of Christ in your soul. It's the Word in your mind, your will, and your emotions. The Word in you is so "that we might receive the adoption of sons" and redemption from the Law. Let me talk about "law" for just a moment. "Law" can be the Old Testament Law, but sometimes the original manuscript says "the" Law, and sometimes the word, "the," was added-in later. We can see that clearly if we go back and look in the *Numeric English New Testament*. If you ask, "Well, David, why would it matter whether or not there's a 'the'?" It matters because "law" is more than just "the Law" that was given to the Israelites. If you're under the rules and regulations of a religion, or under the rule of a man who is under the rules and regulations of a religion, then you're not free to walk after the Spirit, but the Bible says, ***(Rom.8:14) As many as are led by the spirit of God, these are sons of God.*** They're there to keep you from manifesting sonship. They're there to keep you in bondage to their religion because the churches don't make any money, otherwise. And so they make rules and regulations to keep you from growing-up in God, and they tell you how far you can go in your knowledge of the Word. They tell you that you can't believe "this" anymore, or you can't believe "that" anymore "because it all passed away," yet ***(Heb.13:8) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day, yea and for ever.***

They know if you find out that none of the Word has passed away, then you're going to leave them immediately, so they lied to you to keep you in bondage. If you want to grow into the adoption of sons, you have to be free from laws, and that includes laws that you put on yourself, laws that men put upon you, and the Law of the Old Testament, which is part of a Covenant that passed away. Galatians chapters 4 and 5 both tell us this plainly.

### *Being Ruled by the Spirit*

We have to be broken from rules and regulations that tell us what we're going to do at any given time. Jesus said, ***(Joh.3:8) The wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*** The person who is born again is like the wind. If you're going to be completely born of the Spirit, you have to be completely ruled by the Spirit, and the Spirit will tell you what to do in the next moment. That's why He said to be careful to say, "If the Lord wills, we'll do this or that." ***(Jas.4:13) Come now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: (14) whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. (15) For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or that.*** If you're born again, you don't know what you're going to

do tomorrow. All you know is that you're going to follow the Spirit, so don't make rules for yourself and don't pledge yourself into any bondage in the future. Say, "If the Lord wills," because as you know, God can change your plans at any time. You might say you're going to do something and then end up being a liar just because the weather's bad. Well, Who controls the weather? The Lord is in control of everything and is the only One Who can say what you're going to do and when you're going to do it. Don't put yourself under any laws because then you're not going to listen to the Spirit when He tells you to go in a different direction. Your flesh will be ruling you, "No, I've made up my mind, I'm doing this." You've put yourself right back under the Law and you need to **(2Co.6:17) ... Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate...**

Now notice this, **(Gal.4:6) And because ye are sons...** Remember that Paul just got through saying, **(Gal.3:26) For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus.** We accept our sonship, we believe that we have it even before it's manifested. We're told, **(Mar.11:24) ... all things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye received them** (So we believe we received sonship.), **and ye shall have them.** The "ye shall have them" is the shining forth, it's the manifestation. You continue to believe that, **(Gal.2:20) I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me: and [that life] which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, [the faith] which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.** If you do that, the Lord is going to empower you to bring it to pass, but you have to constantly war against the old lying devil. He's going to tempt you, just as

he tempted Jesus. “Well, if you are the Son of God, do this and do that,” and so on. No, you don’t have to prove anything to him, and Jesus didn’t worry about it, either. The devil is always going to tempt you to believe that you are not, when the Bible says you are, but when we look in the mirror, we know that’s Who we are. When we accept that, we’re beginning to walk in His steps. His grace, His power, His holiness, His gifts, they’re all ours. That’s why we look in the mirror and see Him and not ourselves. If you look in the mirror and see yourself, it’s because you’re just a hearer of the Word and not a doer. ***(Jas.1:22) But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves. (23) For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror: (24) for he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.***

***(Gal.4:6) And because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*** This is the Spirit that brings us to adoption, and since you’re believing that you are a son, you are receiving this Spirit, the Holy Spirit of God, that brings you to the adoption. ***(7) So that thou art no longer a bondservant, but a son*** (Praise God! You’re all sons through faith in Jesus Christ.); ***and if a son, then an heir through God.*** Who are joint heirs with Christ? The sons are the joint heirs, and you can be a son by faith until you’re a son by manifestation. That’s when the baby is born. That’s when the fruit of Christ in you is seen by the world. ***(Gal.4:8) Howbeit at that time, not knowing God, ye were in bondage to them that by nature are no gods*** (That’s true. Many people are in this

bondage.): **(9) but now that ye have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how turn ye back again to the weak and beggarly rudiments, whereunto ye desire to be in bondage over again? (10) Ye observe days, and months, and seasons, and years.** This is talking about rules and regulations here. You're conforming yourself into a mold so that you have to do what the world does. **(11) I am afraid of you, lest by any means I have bestowed labor upon you in vain.** In other words, the job of the Holy Spirit is to bring us into sonship; it's to manifest Christ in us, not to put us under a bunch of rules and regulations. We'll fulfill every jot and tittle of the Law if we walk after the Spirit. God didn't give us the New Covenant to make another law to put over your head, He gave us the New Covenant to show you what sonship is. It's to show you what you've been given by God. You are free. Don't go back to the weak and beggarly rudiments of religion. "Lest by any means I have bestowed labor upon you in vain," or to put it another way, "I've wasted my time."

**(Gal.4:19) My little children, of whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you.** In other words, he's saying, "until sonship be formed in you." Sonship is Jesus Christ, He is the Son. Why are they being called "little children?" They are back to being children again because they lost their sonship by putting themselves under all those rules and regulations of the Law, but the Law was only intended for the meantime. **(Gal.3:19) What then is the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise hath been made...** Now the Seed has come, Jesus Christ, and the only way we can have sonship is to

abide in Him. The Law is not here anymore. It was only put in there until the Seed should come to whom the promise was due. Our “Isaac” is Jesus Christ.

*The Handmaid and the Freewoman*

***(Gal.4:19) My little children, of whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you— (20) but I could wish to be present with you now, and to change my tone; for I am perplexed about you. (21) Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? (22) For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the freewoman. (23) Howbeit the [son] by the handmaid (Notice that the word, “son,” was not in the original. The Greek word there for “the” is a definite article and can also be translated as “those who” or “whoever.”) is born after the flesh; but the [son] by the freewoman is born through promise. You’re believing the promise. You’re not keeping some collection of rules and regulations so you can be holy enough to be acceptable by your works, because when God is living in you and empowering you, you love to look for more you can do to please Him. That’s what He puts in you, ***(Php.2:13) for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure.*** That’s what the process of salvation is all about. Some people only see the “instant” part of salvation. They don’t know they have salvation solely by faith, and that if they don’t bear fruit, they will not manifest salvation, so it’s important to be walking by faith***

in the process. As long as you walk in faith, you're a son of God. If you walk after the works of the world and religion and the Old Testament, then you're separated from this gift. That's why he said, "... little children ... I am again in travail until Christ," Who is the Son, "be formed in you."

Paul is showing us the two sons here represent a parable. The son by the free woman is through promise, but the son by the handmaid is after the flesh and therefore is in bondage. **(Gal.4:24) Which things contain an allegory: for these [women] are two covenants; one from mount Sinai, (That's the Old Covenant Law.) bearing children unto bondage, which is Hagar. (And a lot of Christians are in bondage because they've been Judaized.) Notice that he's equating the Law with being under bondage. What is "law" today? If you're under any kind of law that separates you from Christ now, it doesn't matter if it's the law of men, the law of religion, the law of rules you put on yourself, the law of following your mind, it doesn't make any difference. It's all the same thing; you're just a child of Hagar, an Ishmaelite. Repent and turn to grace through faith in our New Covenant. **(Gal.4:25) Now this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia and answereth to the Jerusalem that now is...** This is talking about the physical Jerusalem, and ever since Jesus was crucified, it has never been called "the Holy City" except by men. In the Bible, there's a heavenly Holy City that is being born from above (Hebrews 12:22-23; Revelation 3:12,21:2). That's our "mother," not the Jerusalem over there which is just full of all kinds of pagans, even those who are Jews and are under the Law of the Jews. They're still not born again so it doesn't make any difference; you must be born from above.**

**(Gal.4:25) Now this Hagar is mount Sinai in**

***Arabia and answereth to the Jerusalem that now is: for she is in bondage with her children. (26) But the Jerusalem that is above is free, which is our mother.*** Notice that those who are under the Law that came from Mt. Sinai think that they're under the Jerusalem that "now is." They don't know they have to be born-again from above to be in that heavenly Jerusalem, the "daughter of Jerusalem," as she's sometimes called (2 Kings 19:21; Isaiah 37:22; Micah 4:8; etc.) ***(27) For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; Break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: For more are the children of the desolate (Hagar has many children.) than of her that hath the husband.*** In the natural, look at the parable of little Israel, Sarah and Abraham's seed, surrounded on all sides by Hagar's seed. Sarah and Abraham made a big mistake, but if those of Hagar's seed are born-again, they're just as accepted as anyone else in the Kingdom of God.

Anyone who is being separated from Christ by any kind of law is born of the handmaid. ***(Gal.4:28) Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.*** Abraham had the promise of the coming Seed, but he went to Hagar to bring forth something other than the promised Seed. It was the product of his works. He was sowing his own seed, and so Ishmael was born of the flesh, not the promise. ***(29) But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him [that was born] after the Spirit*** (It is the "Ishmaels" who persecute the "Isaacs."), ***so also it is now.*** They're both Abraham's seed, but one of them is a persecutor and the other one is not. Now, Ishmaels may repent and become children of promise, but when they are persecutors, they're all Ishmaels. Paul is

telling Christians how to identify those who are the Ishmaelites and those who are the Isaacs. **(30) *Howbeit what saith the scripture? Cast out the handmaid and her son: for the son of the handmaid shall not inherit with the son of the freewoman.*** Please think about this. The Christians who are under laws that separate, will not inherit with those who are following the Spirit of God. They will not inherit. **(31) *Wherefore, brethren, we are not children of a handmaid, but of the freewoman.*** You must be convinced of that enough that you give up following those laws. **(Gal.5:1) *For freedom did Christ set us free: stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage.*** This is exactly what a lot of Christians do. Even when you're first born-again, you may decide to go check out the religions and see what bondage looks like. They did it in the Scripture, too, because **(Ecc.1:9) *That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.*** Jesus called them out of those Judaistic denominations and He's calling them out of the Christian denominations today. You're not to be bound to men. You have the Word of God, and yes, He does still have apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, and evangelists, but you'll have to find out what they look like by studying the Word so you can recognize them. Without that, you'll go right back into bondage. People do that. They come out of one denomination and go into another one, but we're commanded, "be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage."

**(Gal.5:2) *Behold, I Paul say unto you, that, if ye receive circumcision, Christ will profit you nothing.*** He's talking about seeking to be justified by obeying

laws, even church rules and regulations or your own rules about what you think you must do, anything that keeps you from following the Spirit of God. **(Mat.6:33) *But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*** You have to study the Scriptures and forget about everything else because we're running out of time. **(Gal.5:3) *Yea, I testify again to every man that receiveth circumcision, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.*** For instance, that means if you seek to be justified by the Sabbath day you keep, what about the Sabbath year? Are you going to keep that? You may as well forget it if you're going to do only part of the Law. He's saying here you have to do the whole Old Testament Law. In the New Testament, the Sabbath is to continuously cease from your works; it's not any particular day of the week. **(Gal.5:4) *Ye are severed from Christ, ye who would be justified by the law; ye are fallen away from grace.*** We have to repent. We have to turn to the Lord. Now before we move on, I want to emphasize these two points. First, a child is a bondservant. **(Gal.4:1) *But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a bondservant though he is lord of all.*** Second, the children that are bondservants, who are under the Law, will not inherit with those who are sons and led by the Spirit. **(Gal.4:30) *Howbeit what saith the scripture? Cast out the handmaid and her son: for the son of the handmaid shall not inherit with the son of the freewoman. (31) Wherefore, brethren, we are not children of a handmaid, but of the freewoman.***

**(Joh.8:31) *Jesus therefore said to those Jews that had believed him*** (A lot of people think that all you

have to do is believe Him.), ***If ye abide in my word, [then] are ye truly my disciples*** (The Greek word there is *mathétés* and it means “a learner and a follower,” so it’s not enough just to believe in Him. The devil believes in Him but he’s not born-again.); ***(32) and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*** It is the truth that makes you free, and “free” is what a son is. A servant is not free, and they serve for different reasons than sons do. Sons serve their Father for love and because it’s their Kingdom; they’re joint heirs. Bondservants don’t serve for that reason. They serve because they have to; they don’t have a choice. The servant has to stay right there and serve, while the son is free to come and go as he pleases. I’m not talking about “as he pleases” in the flesh, I’m talking about “as he pleases” in the Spirit. The son is free.

***(Joh.8:33) They answered unto him, We are Abraham’s seed, and have never yet been in bondage to any man*** (How blind they were, but that’s just how blind people can be.): ***how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? (34) Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Every one that committeth sin is the bondservant of sin.*** Everyone that commits sin is the “bondservant” and notice that He even uses that same word, “bondservant.” The children who are servants are still under sin but you don’t have to be a child under sin. You can, by faith, accept your sonship and then keep walking as a son. In other words, you can continue to walk by faith as you put to death the old man, and God will empower you to walk out of servanthood and into sonship. ***(Joh.8:35) And the bondservant abideth not in the house for ever*** (There’s the same thing that we just read in Galatians 4:30.): ***the son abideth for ever. (36) If***

***therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*** Glory be to God! We want to be free to follow the Spirit of God, because these are the sons of God. If you are, instead, under the Old Testament Law or the law of men in denominationalism, then you're in bondage. If you've made some man your lord and you're following him, then you're never going to go beyond him and you're in bondage. And if you're treating the New Testament like a law, you're still in bondage. Any of those things prevent you from being led by the Spirit. The Bible says, ***(Rom.6:16) ... his servants ye are whom ye obey... (Luk.6:40KJV) ... but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.*** You have to make Jesus your Master.

Jesus said, ***(Mat.5:18) ... Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished.*** That means every type and shadow of the Old Testament is going to be fulfilled in a more spiritual way. Now if it's true that ***(Joh.8:35) ... the bondservant abideth not in the house forever: the son abideth forever,*** then we certainly should be able to see it in the Old Testament, and we do see it there. ***(Eze.46:16) Thus saith the Lord God: If the prince*** (The "prince," in most cases, represented the High Priest, and our High Priest is Jesus {Hebrews 3:1,4:14,7:26,8:1}.) ***give a gift unto any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.*** The sons, not the children or the servants, receive the inheritance. ***(17) But if he give of his inheritance a gift to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty*** (Yes, there is a great year of liberty coming in which everyone will receive their new body and have their

deliverance from bondage.); ***then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall be for his sons.*** He's going to take this temporary gift out of the hands of the child, or the servant, and give it to the sons. ***(18) Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to thrust them out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession...*** In other words, the sons are joint heirs with the High Priest. Are the children the joint heirs? The children are joint heirs only if they walk by faith, but, of course, then they're not children, they're sons, because we are to "believe ye have received." ***(Isa.28:10) For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little.*** And that's exactly how we grow from children into sons. ***(Eze.46:18) Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to thrust them out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession, that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.***  
Praise the Lord!

## CHAPTER FOUR

### The Truth About Born Again, Part 4

#### *The Unprofitable Servant*

Can we find an example where God takes the gift away from the servants and gives it to the son? Yes. (**Mat.25:28**) ***Take ye away therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him that hath the ten talents.*** There it is. He's taking the gift away from the bondservant who did nothing with what was given to him. This is when the lord left on His journey and He gave talents, five, two, and one, to his servants and went on his way, vowing to come back and settle up with them to see if they had born fruit of the five, the two, and the one (Matthew 25:14-30). When he returned, he found that the servants with the five talents and the two talents each brought forth another five and another two. He called them faithful servants and told them to enter into the joy of the Lord. So they each brought forth the fruit of what was put in, which is all that could be expected from them, and they each received the reward, but notice that everyone is not given the same amount. I believe that the 100-fold is the ten talents. However, the servant who had received that one talent went and hid his talent in the earth. That's what everyone does when they accept Jesus but they don't follow Him and, instead, just do their own thing. They don't go on to buffet their flesh, they don't conquer their promised land, they don't continue being sanctified by the Word. They don't feel a need to read the Word because their preacher knows everything. After all, he went

to Bible school and has a certificate. So they just listen to the preacher on Sunday and then live their life the way they want to, but that's hiding your talent in the earth. That's following the flesh, which is what came from the earth.

Then their lord commands, **(Mat.25:28) Take ye away therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him that hath the ten talents. (29) For unto every one that hath shall be given...** In other words, if a person has fruit, he'll be given more, and we see here that it was taken away from the unprofitable servant and given to the son who bore fruit. By the way, you may manage to hold on to your "talent" until the year of liberty, but that's when you're going to find out if you get to keep it. I believe the year of liberty is when the saints who remain are caught up to be with the Lord, or when they're resurrected from the dead to be with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17). **(Mat.25:29) For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not** (That is, if he has no fruit.), **even that which he hath shall be taken away.** Again, if he has no fruit, the Lord will take away what He did give him and give it to the one who has ten. **(30) And cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness...** It's the unprofitable servant, so these are all bond-servants of the Lord. These are what we call "Christians." **(Mat.25:14) For [it is] as [when] a man, going into another country, called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.** This can be no one but Christians. **(Mat.22:14) For many are called, but few chosen.** It says "many are called"; it doesn't say "all are called." It is not the world. **(Mat.25:30) And cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer dark-**

**ness: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.** They protest (Luke 19:25), “But he has ten, Lord!” That’s right, and he’s going to have more. Jesus said the sons are going to have more.

### *The Wedding Feast*

We see this again in the Parable of the Wedding Feast. **(Mat.22:8) Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they that were bidden were not worthy.** The wedding or marriage feast is for seven days, and it represents the seventieth week of Daniel, which we know is seven days that are years. So we know this is coming in the Tribulation period and notice that he’s going to turn away from some people when the Tribulation starts. Remember when the disciples complained, “But Lord, you’re speaking to them in parables, they don’t understand you!” **(Mat.13:11) And he answered and said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.** He had already cut them off. When the Man-child ministry starts, there are some people who already will have been cut-off because “the wedding is ready”; they’re beginning to start the marriage feast. **(Mat.22:2) The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a certain king, who made a marriage feast for his son, (3) and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the marriage feast: and they would not come.** The word translated “bidden” is the Greek *kaleó* and it means “called” or “invited.” **(Mat.22:14) For many are called, but**

***few chosen.*** You can be in the larger “called” group, and still not be “chosen,” and that’s what he’s telling us here. ***(Mat.22:8) Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they that were bidden were not worthy. (9) Go ye therefore unto the partings of the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage feast. (10) And those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was filled with guests.*** To a Jew, the “bad” would have been a Gentile, an unbeliever, but of course, when you gather them in, they’re no longer unbelievers. And the “good,” were those people who were right under the Old Testament, or in our day, right under Christianity, to the best of their ability and knowledge. He gathered both of them.

***(Mat.22:11) But when the king came in to behold the guests, he saw there a man who had not on a wedding-garment.*** We’re told the Bride’s shining *lampros* wedding garment is the “righteous acts of the saints” (Revelation 19:8), and that means you can’t have the Bride’s garment if you don’t have righteous acts. Of course, if you are walking by faith, you’ll have no problem having righteous acts because the power of God will be with you. If you don’t walk by faith but are satisfied to just be religious, if you’re not stretching forth your faith to “the prize of the high calling of God” and you’re just walking in the flesh, then you’re not going to understand what’s yours and you’re going to lose it. ***(Mat.22:12) And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding-garment? And he was speechless.*** Some people say this is in heaven, but how did this man get into

heaven without a wedding garment? And how could he be cast out of heaven? No, he never made it there because this is not heaven. This is the wedding feast on the earth, where the Groom and Bride walk together and after the seven days, the Virgins escort them to the Groom's home, which is in heaven. The Bridegroom will be here by coming in the Man-child, just as He did the first time. He came in a Son of David then, and He's coming in sons of David now. He will be fellowshiping with the Bride for seven days, and at the end, the Virgin's job is to escort the Bride and the Groom to the Groom's home. Yes, they get to go to heaven but they're not the Bride, they never were. The Virgins, the Queens and the Concubines may all go to heaven. They "may." I didn't say they "will." That man without the wedding garment was speechless because he thought, "Hey! What happened to 'Once saved, always saved?'" or "What happened to the 'Ultimate reconciliation of all things?'" **(Mat.22:13) Then the king said to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and cast him out into the outer darkness** (That's the same thing that happened to the bondservant who had the one talent and buried it in the earth.); **there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.**

**(Mat.22:14) For many are called, but few chosen.** Again, the word "called" is the Greek word for "bidden" or "invited." We are bidden, we are invited, to partake of the "marriage feast," which is the Body and Blood of Christ. Do you remember when Jesus went to the marriage feast and turned the water into wine? **(Joh.2:11) And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: (2) and Jesus also was bidden, and his disciples, to the marriage. (3) And when the wine failed, the mother**

*of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. (4) And Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. (5) His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. (6) Now there were six waterpots of stone (These represent the flesh.) set there after the Jews manner of purifying, containing two or three firkins apiece. (7) Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. (8) And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the ruler of the feast. And they bare it. (9) And when the ruler of the feast tasted the water now become wine (That represents the Blood of Jesus.), and knew not whence it was (but the servants that had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast calleth the bridegroom, (10) and saith unto him, Every man setteth on first the good wine; and when [men] have drunk freely, [then] that which is worse: thou hast kept the good wine until now. What does the Blood represent? (Lev.17:11) ... The life of the flesh is in the blood..., and your parents passed on their life to you. It was their blood and it was full of sin. Jesus Christ's Blood represents His sinless Life, which He passes on to us. Now we have a "marriage feast" that's coming at the beginning of the Tribulation period and we're supposed to do the same thing that Jesus did. We partake of, we feast on, the Word of God, which is the Water, and He will turn it into the Blood, the Life, of Jesus.*

*Who Will be Joint Heirs with Christ?*

Jesus warned them, ***(Joh.6:53) Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, ye have not life in yourselves.*** And then what happened? ***(Joh.6:60) Many therefore of his disciples, when they heard [this], said, This is a hard saying; who can hear it? (66) Upon this many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.*** They departed. They believed Him but they departed. Will this happen again among the Christians today? Yes. It's only if you follow in His Word that you're His disciples. ***(Mat.22:14) For many are called, but few chosen.*** Once again we see that there are people who aren't going to bear fruit; they're going to be cast out and others are going to come and take their place (Matthew 22:8-9; Revelation 3:11). Is this happening today? Yes, I suspect it is. We haven't come to the beginning of the marriage feast yet, but I believe I can see it. God is so good! We're undeserving but He gives us so many blessings!

***(Isa.65:9) And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains; and my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.*** Notice again it doesn't say that the servants would inherit it, because the servant only abides until the year of liberty. The chosen will inherit it. They will be joint heirs with Christ. They will be owners of all things. ***(10) And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor*** (The Hebrew word means "trouble" or "troubling.") ***a place for herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.*** "For my people that have sought me," not those people who have sought religion,

which isn't even a close facsimile. **(11) But ye that forsake the Lord, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for Fortune** (That's the fortune of the old man.), **and that fill up mingled wine unto Destiny** (That's "mixed wine," not the pure Body and Blood of Jesus.); **(12) I will destine you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but ye did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delighted not.**

It's very clear that the Lord wants us to be a follower of His, as He spoke to those who believed Him, that if they continued in His Word, they would be His disciples (John 8:31). Some people have been told a lie that, "You just need to accept Jesus as your personal Savior," but Jesus is clearly saying here that He does not accept everyone who accepts Him. Truly, we have to "accept" Him every day, not just once. When we wake up in the morning, whom are we serving? What should we be thinking about? We had better be thinking about following the Spirit of God from then on. **(Rom.8:14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.** The sons are the inheritors. The servants are only temporary and any gift that they get is a temporary gift.

**(Psa.37:9) For evil-doers shall be cut off; But those that wait for the Lord, they shall inherit the land.** Amen! Wait for the Lord. You want direction from the Lord. You're not going to take direction from your flesh, from your emotions, from your reasoning, you're not going to be moved by anything but the Spirit of the Lord. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." Is the Spirit of God different from the New Tes-

tament? No, He wrote the New Testament. You can't say, "The Holy Spirit told me to do this," when there are verses against it, but people do that. When a demon comes in, the first thing they say is, "I'm following the Spirit." No, they're not; their flesh is leading them to follow some false doctrine that doesn't fit with the Scriptures. That's why we have to keep putting the Word in us, that Son. Let the Son-light come into your soul and dispel the darkness. What does the Word bring? Light. Who's the Light? Jesus, the Word. ***(Pro.4:18) But the path of the righteous is as the dawning light, That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*** That's God's promise. He said that. I know people say, "This can't be done." Well, that's because they only have eyes for their flesh. They know they can't do it because they've tried and failed, and that's exactly what it's all about, people trying and failing. That's part of the process. You have to learn that you're incapable of being a Christian. The only One Who can be a Christian is Christ. He lives in those who have faith in Him, who believe His Word, these Words of sanctification, of being born again, of sonship. Who's going to heaven? ***(Joh.3:13) And no one hath ascended into heaven, but he that descended out of heaven...*** No one is going to heaven but Jesus, no one. He is the Word, and the Word goes into your heart and recreates Him, ***(Col.1:27) ... Christ in you, the hope of glory.*** That's how it happens.

***(Psa.37:9) For evil-doers shall be cut off; But those that wait for the Lord, they shall inherit the land. (10) For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be...*** This is what truly happens. The destruction, the curse, takes people out when they're not under Christ. Most of Christianity does not believe that Jesus

bore the curse for them. They believe He bore their sins, but they don't believe He bore the curse that comes upon people who sin. They don't believe Christ both bore the curse and took it away. Now, that doesn't make sense. If He bore the sin, certainly He would bear the curse of sin and of death, but they don't believe that, and so they don't believe, for instance, that they can be healed because Jesus bore that sin that comes because of the curse. And, of course, they don't believe it because they're not reading the Bible. They're letting men tell them what they can and can't believe. They're idolaters and they have fallen away from the Lord. They are separated from Christ by the laws of men. ***(Psa.37:10) For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and he shall not be. (11) But the meek shall inherit the land, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.*** Those that wait for the Lord shall inherit the land, and the meek shall inherit the land. But the self-righteous Christian is very bold about what they believe, they're bold about what you can believe, they're bold about whether they can judge you because of what you believe. They're ready to do anything. They're totally puffed-up with self-righteousness, and that's something we have to repent of. There's one Lord and one Judge (John 8:50; James 4:12).

What "land" will the meek inherit? The meek will inherit that Promised Land that we're supposed to be taking away from the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites, and so on, that have been ruling the land (Joshua 9:1-2). This life that we live in, this natural life, is the land. ***(Heb.6:7) For the land which hath drunk the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth***

***herbs meet for them for whose sake it is also tilled, receiveth blessing from God: (8) but if it beareth thorns and thistles, it is rejected and nigh unto a curse; whose end is to be burned.*** The Lord told the Israelites to go in there and put to death all those “ites.” He told them to take away their house and plant their own garden and bear their own fruit (Deuteronomy 6:10-11,19:11; Joshua 24:13). If you don’t let the old man rule you, you’re going to inherit the land. All those “ites” are dying off as we walk by faith, because Jesus bore our sins and He delivered us out of the powers of darkness (Colossians 1:13), which are the demons that rule over the people of the land (Deuteronomy 32:17; 1 Corinthians 10:20). He’s already done that for us. Now we’re to just take up our Sword and go on in there and finish them off (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12). In other words, you don’t have to give in to lust. You don’t have to give in to theft. You don’t have to give in to lying. You don’t have to give in to gluttony. You don’t have to give in to walking after your flesh in any way because Jesus was the Lamb of God Who took away the sins of the world (John 1:29). He made you free from sin (Romans 6). That’s a word of faith there. “He made me free from sin. I am delivered from sin and from the demons that rule over sin. I am free! He delivered me out of the power of darkness and delivered me into the Kingdom of the Son of His love, in the Kingdom of the Son” (Colossians 1:13). You believe it and you confess it.

***(Psa.37:12) The wicked plotteth against the just, And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.*** Those that are born after the flesh always persecute those who are born after the Spirit. The sons of the handmaid, under their own rules and regulations, are going to persecute the sons of the

free woman. **(13) The Lord will laugh at him; For he seeth that his day is coming. (14) The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay such as are upright in the way.** All throughout history, there have been those who have been “upright in the way.” **(2Ti.3:12) Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.** Their persecution comes at the hand of the sons of the handmaid, the Ishmaelites. I’m talking about the Christian Ishmaelites. Yes, they’re born of Abraham, but the wrong woman is their mother and they do not inherit with those who believe the promises. As a matter of fact, most of church is totally inoculated against believing the promises, which is why they can’t be the sons of the free woman, and why they can’t bear the fruit of Jesus Christ. Jesus was the Stone which the builders rejected (Psalm 118:22; Luke 20:17; 1 Peter 2:7). Also, the Bible says that that Spirit of Christ was in the prophets. **(2Pe.1:21) For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.** Which of the prophets didn’t they kill? They, too, were stones which the builders rejected. The Spirit of Christ lives in people today and He’s still a Stone that the builders reject. The builders are God’s people who are supposed to be building God’s Kingdom, but most of them don’t know they’re building man’s kingdom.

The builders will persecute anyone who serves God, and who walks in righteousness to do the Will of the Lord that He sent them to do, but the Lord says that He’s going to slay them. **(Psa.37:15) Their sword shall enter into their own heart, And their bows shall be broken. (29) The righteous shall inherit the land, And**

***dwell therein for ever.*** Not just until the day of liberty, but forever. **(34) *Wait for the Lord, and keep his way, And he will exalt thee to inherit the land...*** People don't like to wait on the Lord. They just go and do, but the Lord says, **(Rom.8:14) *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*** These are the ones who are joint heirs with Christ. Scripture says in over a dozen places, "Wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27:14; Proverbs 20:22; Isaiah 8:17; 1 Corinthians 4:5; etc.) so find out what the Lord wants you to do. Don't say, "We're going to go here and do this or that." Say, "If the Lord wills." For instance, what if "Christians" invite you to come to their big party? Do you say, "I like parties, yeah, I'll be there," or do you stop and find out what the Holy Spirit wants you to do? Did the Holy Spirit want you to party, or did He want you to buffet your body and bring it into submission? Look around you and you'll see that this is a time for prayer and fasting, because what's happened in the church is happening in the world.

### *The Reward of the Wicked*

Faction is everywhere. People are full of hatred and have lost what conscience they may ever have had. How can we avoid that next world war after the Man-child comes? **(Rev.6:3) *And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come. (4) And another horse came forth, a red horse: and to him that sat thereon it was given to take peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.***

How can we avoid that? ***(Psa.37:34) Wait for the Lord, and keep his way, And he will exalt thee to inherit the land: When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.*** Look with your eyes and see the reward of the wicked. ***(Psa.91:8) Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, And see the reward of the wicked.*** The Lord is going to have His people go 40 days into the “great and terrible day of the Lord,” which is a year (Joel 2:31; Malachi 4:5), and they will see the cutting-off of the wicked, just like Noah in the ark. ***(Psa.37:35) I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil. (36) But one passed by, and, lo, he was not: Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found. (37) Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; For there is a [happy] end to the man of peace. (38) As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together: The end of the wicked shall be cut off. (39) But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: He is their stronghold in the time of trouble. (40) And the Lord helpeth them, and rescueth them: He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them, Because they have taken refuge in him.***

So we see that there’s a parallel between sanctification, sonship, and born-again. All these speak about coming into the Image of Jesus Christ, and when you look at Jesus, you’re looking at what “salvation” is. How much of salvation do you want? Thirty-fold? Maybe sixty-fold? A hundred-fold? I hope that you’re willing to count the cost and pay the price to have the 100-fold. It’s there for us. You know, all you have to do is ask God. Tell Him, “I don’t want this life, Lord. I’m asking You to give me your best, which is

Jesus Christ, and I'm looking in the mirror and I'm accepting this gift. From now on, I'm walking in Your steps. I'm forgetting those things which are behind. I'm pressing forward to the prize of the high-calling of God in Christ Jesus. Lord, you've invited, you've called us into this high calling." We are bidden to come to the marriage feast. We are bidden to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, like Jesus did at that marriage feast. We are bidden, we have been invited. There are many who are called, but not all are called. Those who are saved in their spirit are invited to be saved in their soul by partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ. Those who have been saved in their spirit now have the power to follow the Holy Spirit, and it's important that we invite the Holy Spirit to come in to guide us. "Lord, I want to know what you want me to do today. What do you have for me to do today?" Be led of the Spirit and you'll be sons of God. Remember that we're accounted righteous by our faith because we see the end from the beginning, we see Jesus Christ in the mirror. We claim, in the mirror, Jesus Christ. We claim our sonship. And since we're accounted righteous because of our faith, we just thank the Lord for this manifestation of Jesus in us.

### *The 100-Fold*

***(1Jn.2:28) And now, [my] little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested...*** That's the Greek word *phaneroo* and it means "cause to shine; make visible." This is His shining forth from you, first star glory, then moon glory, and finally sun glory. This is your trans-

formation from glory to glory into His Image, into the Image of the Son (2 Corinthians 3:18). **(1Jn.2:28) And now, [my] little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested...** That's a big "if" and not a "when." Are you walking after Jesus? You have to be walking by faith. You have to be putting one foot ahead of the other on the path of the righteous, **(Pro.4:18) ... That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.** If that's what you're doing, that's all you can do and you're alright. You can only take one step at a time. You can't take the fifth, sixth, or tenth step yet because you haven't gotten there and you're not being held accountable for those steps. You're accountable only for the leading that the Holy Spirit is giving you now. Am I saying that you shouldn't forsake all sin? No, I'm talking about the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Learn to be a follower of the Holy Spirit. All of your sins have been taken away and you must walk that out by faith every day. **(1Jn.2:28) And now, [my] little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested, we may have boldness and not be ashamed before him at his coming.** Now that is His *parousia*, His physical coming. Those people who have not done anything with the "talent" He's given them are going to be ashamed before Him at His *parousia*.

**(1Jn.2:29) If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one also that doeth righteousness is begotten** (That's the same word for "born.") **of him.** Again, this is the whole point. We have to be born of Him in spirit, soul, and then, ultimately, body. Glory be to God! **(1Jn.3:1) Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and [such] we are.** He's talk-

ing about being children by manifestation. ***For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*** As long as you are walking as a child, they don't see Jesus in you, even though He's in your spirit. They don't know you just as they didn't know Him. ***(2) Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest*** (He's speaking of this "shining-forth.") ***what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him...*** What is that? The Son of God. So, if you are abiding in the Son of God, who are you? Who was abiding in the Son of God in Jesus' day? He did. Who abides in the Son of God today? He does. Who is He? He's a Son. He's not a child, He's not a servant. If you are abiding in Him by faith, that means you are obeying, in your trial, the Word of God rather than obeying your flesh, which always wants to get you out of the trial. The devil knows that if you obey in the midst of the trials, you're going to be a mighty force of destruction against his kingdom and he doesn't want you to ever get there. He's going to resist. He doesn't understand that ***(Act.14:22) ... through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God.*** It is through these trials that you're going to enter the Kingdom and become a force that Satan can't deal with. He can't deal with the Son of God. He could have never killed Him except that Jesus laid down His life. It's the same situation now.

***(1Jn.3:2) Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested*** (That is, manifested in us.), ***we shall be like him...*** "If He shall be manifested, we shall be like Him." It's not at all certain. In both 1 John 2:28 and 1 John 3:2 there's an "if" because,

yes, you are a child of God, but will you be accounted as a son when He comes? Will you bear fruit 30-, 60-, and 100-fold? That's an "if," if we're going to be like Him, like the real Jesus of the Bible, when all the churches are trying to make you like them. Christians who get into religion seem to start acting and dressing just like the preacher to impress people that they have something. They become very sectarian. They are very divisive and factious when they get the spirit of religion in them, and they start judging everybody. That's about the most dangerous thing somebody can do, because that's unforgiveness. **(1Jn.3:2) *Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is.*** You don't automatically see Jesus as He is. You're not familiar with Jesus unless you read the Bible because it takes some study to see Him as He is. Unless you put the Light through your spirit man into your soul and dispel the darkness, you're not going to know Who Jesus is. We know that **(Heb.13:8) *Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday and to-day, [yea] and for ever,*** but the churches tell us that He's changed. "He doesn't do this anymore, He doesn't do that anymore. And it doesn't matter what the Bible says, we don't have to believe this or that anymore. But don't worry! All we have to do is pay our tithes and sit on our pew and listen to them moralize us." Being moralized is not receiving regeneration. Regeneration, that new birth, comes through faith by the power of God, and the power of God always comes when we have faith. **(Mar.11:24) ... *All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye received them, and ye shall have them.***

Now you may be seeing a “Jesus” in the mirror, but it’s your revelation of the Word that forms your vision in the mirror. **(2Co.3:18) But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.** How are you going to come into the image of someone that you don’t know? It’s important that we become familiar with the Holy Spirit, Who spoke and acted through Jesus, of God. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would **(Joh.16:14) ... take of mine, and shall declare it unto you.** The Holy Spirit will reveal to you Who Jesus is. Is He the Jesus of over 2,000 years ago, or is He the Jesus of the religions today? I’ll let you make up your mind there. It’s very important that you go and find out for yourself and not put your trust in any man. There are thousands of denominations out there, and they all claim to be right. Unless you sit down and read your Bible, you will not know that you’re sitting in an apostate institution which is never going to lead you to Jesus Christ. All religions in Jesus’ day were apostate. All of them were the works of man and Jesus came to call His sheep by name and lead them out of that sheepfold (John 10:3-4).

Of course, the Pharisees and Sadducees were very angry that He was leading off all of what they thought were their sheep, but the sheep belonged to Him as He said in the Parable of the Wicked Tenants. **(Mat.21:33) Hear another parable: There was a man that was a householder, who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country. (34) And when the season**

*of the fruits drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, to receive his fruits. (35) And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. (36) Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them in like manner. (37) But afterward he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. (38) But the husbandmen, when they saw the son, said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and take his inheritance. (39) And they took him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard, and killed him. (40) When therefore the lord of the vineyard shall come, what will he do unto those husbandmen? (41) They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those miserable men, and will let out the vineyard unto other husbandmen, who shall render him the fruits in their seasons. (42) Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, The same was made the head of the corner; This was from the Lord, And it is marvelous in our eyes?* It's the same today. He was the Stone that the builders rejected and the people who are called the "builders" are always rejecting the Son of God, as He said, *(Mat.25:40) ... Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, [even] these least, ye did it unto me.*

*(1Jn.3:3) And every one that hath this hope [set] on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.* You may say, "I thought only the Lord could purify us, David." Well, the Lord is the One Who empowers you to purify yourself. *(Rom.8:14) For as many are led by*

***the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*** If you're thinking, "Even as he is pure"? That's not possible! You're always going to be a sinner, saved by grace." No, that's the anti-Christ gospel and it's exactly what the devil wants you to believe because ***(Mat.9:29) ... According to your faith be it done unto you.*** You will come into the Image of the Son of God only if you believe the end from the beginning, and the end is ***(Col.1:27) ... Christ in you, the hope of glory.*** The end is your purification of yourself. You have the power to cast down every sin and every stronghold of Satan over your life. You have the power. He delivered you ***(Col.1:13) ... out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love.*** He made you free from sin. You have the power to walk away from your flesh and cast it down like the Canaanites were cast down, because ***(1Jn.3:3) every one that hath this hope [set] on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.***

***(1Jn.3:4) Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. (5) And ye know that he was manifested to take away sins; and in him is no sin.*** Jesus shone forth from that body of the Son of David. It was David's line, through Mary, that gave Him that body and He came ***(Rom.8:3) ... in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.*** The Bible says that the Seed of the woman will bruise the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15). Jesus came in that likeness. Even in our day, we have ***(Col.1:27) ... Christ in you, the hope of glory.*** That Seed was sown in you when God gave you a new spirit. That's when it began. He gave you the Spirit of Christ, which is not the Holy Spirit, it's the Spirit of Christ. Jesus had His own Spirit that

was empowered by the Holy Spirit. He had to be made in all things “like unto His brethren.” (**Heb.2:17**) **Wherefore it behooved him in all things to be made like unto his brethren, that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.** He was made the way we are, and yet, without sin. When He came to be the sinless Lamb, the Sacrifice, He proved that He could walk in that flesh and still overcome it.

**(1Jn.3:6) Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not** (When you sin, you step out of the Body of Christ, and if you live enough of your time outside the Body of Christ, you will never grow and will never bear fruit.): **whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither knoweth him.** A person who walks in willful sin has turned his will over to the devil. Paul said, (**Rom.7:19**) **For the good which I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I practise. (20) But if what I would not, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwelleth in me. ... (24) Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of the body of this death? (25) I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord...**

He said, “it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwelleth in me.” So he knew that there was still sin manifested in him, but he believed in the Sacrifice and he said, “I thank God through Jesus Christ.” He was believing that the Sacrifice had taken away his sins, not just covered them up. That’s an Old Testament doctrine. You haven’t come into the New Testament if you believe that your sins are only covered. No! He’s taken away the very nature of sin in you. He took it away and He nailed it to the Cross. He gave you His life. He passed on His Blood to you, (**Lev.17:11**) **For**

***the life of the flesh is in the blood...*** We no longer have to deal with the blood of our parents. God dealt with it on the Cross. Now He wants us to just believe. If we believe, we'll be able to do. He will empower us. He said, ***(1Jn.3:7) [My] little children, let no man lead you astray: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous: (8) he that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*** Amen!

We all know how the devil worked in each of us before we were born again, but the devil is also working on a larger scale in every government on the earth. ***(Rev.12:3) And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems.*** The dragon here is a parable about the devil in mankind. The seven heads are the seven world-ruling kingdoms that conquered God's people from the beginning down to our day, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medio-Persia, Greece, Rome, and revived Rome. Those are those seven heads, and the ten horns are the ten continental divisions of the whole world ruled over by the ten kings that will be crowned in the middle of the Tribulation period, not now, as some people think. They are there, but they are not crowned. The crown is on the heads of the different entities that were over Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medio-Persia, Greece, Rome, and revived Rome, and those entities are still with us today. All of their seed are still with us today in the United Nations.

***(1Jn.3:9) Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin, because his seed abideth in him...*** He "doeth no sin." Now you know what "born of God" is. You're born

of the Word. You're "sanctified," meaning "separated from sin unto God." You are a son of God by faith in Jesus Christ. When you look in the mirror, you see the Son of God. Your childhood is just something you're passing through to get to there, and if you're walking by faith, you will pass through and get to there. You're accounted righteous by your faith. You're accounted a son of God by your faith that He took away your sins. If you don't believe He took away your sins but that you're always going to be a sinner saved by grace, you do not believe the Gospel and there's no way you can look in the mirror and see Jesus. **(1Jn.3:9) Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin, because his seed abideth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is begotten of God.** "He cannot sin" because "his seed abideth in him." What does the devil come to steal? The devil comes to steal the seed. **(Luk.8:11) Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. (12) And those by the way side are they that have heard; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved.** The Seed which is sown in your heart is the Word, and it brings you into the Image of the Son of God, and the devil can't do anything with Him. He's afraid of Him because he is born of God. When you're born of God, the Seed, the Word, abides in you. It hasn't been plucked out by the devil. People will start out believing something and if it doesn't happen the way they think it should, or they have no patience in their faith, it gets stolen. They say, "It doesn't work." Well, at what point down the trial of your faith did you say, "I no longer believe?" Of course, it was when you said, "It doesn't work." We had some very foolish factious people who accused us with, "These are false

prophecies; they haven't come to pass." Who gave you the right to say when they would come to pass? **(1Jn.3:10)** ***In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.***

We're called to be sons of God. What awesomeness! We're called to come into His Image, into His righteousness, into His purity. "He purifieth himself, even as He is pure." Glory be to God! **(Jas.4:17)** ***To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*** Those steps are knowledge, "here a little, there a little." You know what's right and you take a step, you know what's right and you take a step. There are things that we don't know but they're not held against us. Temporary ignorance as we grow in Him into sonship is an excuse in the New Testament.

Father, we pray that your people will grasp this awesome revelation of Your salvation, how big it is, how great it is, how all-inclusive it is! We pray that Your people will grasp this awesome revelation of the manifestation of the sons of God that's going to set the groaning creation free. Thank You for giving us this awesome revelation of sanctification, spirit, soul, and body. You've told us this in so many different ways that we should be able, by one of these paths, to come to the truth of the Gospel. Lord, send forth Your mercy and Your grace to Your people who are in bondage. They must see through their idolatries with men and religions. Lord, we know that You're coming to do that. We know You're coming to manifest in the Man-child ministry and the Two Witness ministry, and the Bride ministry. We know that You're coming to show the whole world Who

You are, so they can see You in the mirror, so they can accept the Gospel. Thank You, Father. Amen.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### The Truth About Born Again, Part 5

Father, thank You so much for showing us these wonderful things. Lord, let us run after You the way the Shulamite did in the Song of Solomon, who was just in love with You, just wanting more of You. Lord, let the people who are reading this today receive all of your Word and put their trust in You. Let them not add to or take away from Your Word lest they lose their position in the Bride and are never able to enter there, as we have seen. Father, we claim it in Jesus' Name. Thank You for Your blessings. Amen.

#### *Who is the Bride?*

As we're studying the truth about being born again, I'd like to look at the "Bride," which is another close parallel from a slightly different viewpoint. Jesus is our example of "born-again." We behold Him in the mirror until we come into that same Image. **(2Co.3:18) *But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.*** And the Bride, too, has come into the Image of God. Both Jesus and the Bride are born from above. There's a widely-accepted false doctrine that was started by one of the daughters of the harlot church and it teaches that all of the Church is the Bride, but there is nothing in the Bible that

teaches that. I know that the Church has been given the position of Bride, because we were perfected through Jesus Christ, and of course, when we exercise our faith in what Jesus did at the Cross, it becomes manifest. That's when we have it by manifestation and not just by faith, because we're here to bear fruit and here is where the fruit must be born. Esther is a wonderful parable of the Bride. The Old Testament Bride, typed as Vashti, refused the call to appear before the King (Esther 1:12) and so the King found a replacement Bride chosen out of all the fair Virgins of the Kingdom (Esther 2:17). We know that also happened when Jesus came (Matthew 22:8-9; Luke 14:21-24). And we have the Song of Solomon which teaches the same thing, that the Bride is not the Church. Here's another confirmation of that. ***(Psa.45:14) She shall be led unto the king in broidered work: The virgins her companions that follow her Shall be brought unto thee.*** It's very plain that the Bride is in the Kingdom first, and that the Virgins are her companions who follow her.

Let's go back and start with the Song of Solomon. ***(Sol.6:8) There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, And virgins without number. (9) My dove, my undefiled, is but one...*** Now if you're looking for a spotless and blemishless Bride (Ephesians 5:27), this "undefiled one" is it. This is speaking of the Shulamite, as mentioned down in verse 13. "Shulamite" is derived from the Hebrew *shalam* and may be translated "that is perfect" or "be complete" or "complete one." The Shulamite is "but one." She's not divided like the queens, virgins, and concubines. ***(Sol.6:9) My dove, my undefiled, is but one; She is the only one of her mother*** (Her "mother" would be the Church. That's what she was

born out of.); ***She is the choice one of her that bare her.*** (She sounds very much like Esther.) ***The daughters saw her, and called her blessed; [Yea,] the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.*** Praise the Lord! If you look at that spotless and blemishless One, you know what “born-again” in its completeness is, but we don’t start out that way. Yes, we enter into “born-again” instantly by faith, however, the manifestation of our “born-again” is progressive and it grows over time. ***(Jn.3:3) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born anew*** (That is the Greek word for “from above,” *anóthen*, and the numeric pattern translates that as “from above.”), ***he cannot see the kingdom of God.*** There are many of God’s people who can see the Kingdom, some to a greater and some to a lesser extent. The more you’re born from above, the more you can see of the Kingdom and the more you can see what the difference is between the Kingdom and the world. So, with that, I’d like to talk about how this Bride is being born from above.

***(Rev.21:2) And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven*** (It’s being born from above.) ***from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.*** He identified the Bride as “Jerusalem.” Jerusalem was only one part of the Kingdom, a very small portion of what was Israel, which was the entire Kingdom. Israel is the type of the Church. Jerusalem is the type of the Bride. There is a difference, quite a difference, just as the Shulamite ran after the Lord with such love that the Lord loved her, but the queens and concubines and virgins were not so infatuated with the Lord. The Shulamite looked like a fanatic to them but no, that’s the norm. The norm is fanat-

ic. **(3) And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men** (Who is the Tabernacle of God? He is Immanuel, “God with us.” Jesus is the Tabernacle of God, and He is with us. He has never left us.), **and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God. (Rev.21:7) He that overcometh shall inherit these things** (So “overcomers” are the people who will come to the place of the Bride.); **and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.** We already talked about the difference between “sons” and “children.” They’re two entirely different relationships. The son is coming into the Image of the Son. **(8) But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part [shall be] in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.** The Church has a lot of these kinds of people in it, and they call themselves “Christians.” They don’t understand that they have to overcome to be in the Kingdom. Now there’s a reason this is called “the second death.” Not all will totally fail and miss the Kingdom. Many will repent and believe and be saved, but after somebody is “born from above,” after the second birth, there can be a second death. He called it “twice dead and plucked up by the roots.” **(Jud.1:12) These are they who are hidden rocks in your love-feasts when they feast with you, shepherds that without fear feed themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn leaves without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; (13) Wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom**

***the blackness of darkness hath been reserved forever.*** I've been told, "Oh, no, David, you must be mistaken." No, I'm not mistaken at all. They are "twice dead" and "plucked up by the roots." (***Rev.3:5***) ***He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*** The overcomers are the ones who are not blotted out of the book. Hopefully, we're overcoming wherever we are, some of us more and some of us less, but we're on our path of holiness unto the Kingdom of God (Isaiah 35:8).

***(Rev.21:9) And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, who were laden with the seven last plagues; and he spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the wife of the Lamb. (10) And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem*** (So the angel said, "Come, I'll show you the Bride," and then he says, "Here's the Holy City Jerusalem."), ***coming down out of heaven from God.*** In other words, "born from above." If we look over in Revelation 3, we find that one of the seven churches is special because it's the church of "brotherly love," which is what "Philadelphia" means (Revelation 3:7-13). And if you remember, Moses married one of the seven daughters of Jethro, meaning "His Excellence" (Exodus 2:16-21). This is a type and shadow of the Bride being one of seven churches, so we can see that the Philadelphia Church represents the Bride, and the Bride receives this promise: (***Rev.3:10***) ***Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep***

***thee from the hour of trial, that [hour] which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*** You may say, “Wow! David, that sounds exactly like the rapture.” No, that’s not anywhere in the Scriptures, either. The Lord said He would “keep” them “from the hour of trial” and Moses is an example of that. Moses went through his wilderness. He went through his testings and his trials, and he met God in the Mountain of God (Exodus 3:1-6; Acts 7:30-34). When the Lord sent Moses back to Egypt in order for him to bring the Israelites to the same mountain (Exodus 3:12), it was a trial for them because they’d never been in the wilderness, but it wasn’t a trial for Moses because he’d already been through his trial. The Bride is going through Her trials right now and She’s overcoming, She’s growing more and more beautiful. We know the marriage feast starts at the beginning of seven days that represent years, just like Daniel’s seventieth week (Daniel 9:24-27), which is the Tribulation. At the beginning of the Tribulation, the Bride will be ready to follow the Lamb. At the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, John the Baptist said, (***Joh.3:29***) ***He that hath the bride is the bridegroom...*** Those first disciples, who were ready to immediately follow Jesus when He came, represented that Bride (Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-49).

***(Rev.3:11) I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown.*** (The Bride has a crown.) ***(12) He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out thence no more...*** Abiding in the Temple of God is abiding in Jesus Christ. It is abiding in His Name. It is walking in holiness. “Go out thence” is not abiding in Christ,

and there are a lot of people who go in and out. There is no sin in Christ, therefore, every time a person sins, they step out of Christ. You may claim, "I'm in the body of Christ." Well, there's a part of you that's not, because **(1Co.15:50) ...flesh and blood shall not inherit the kingdom of God...**

**(Rev.3:12) He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out thence no more: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem** (That means they are the city of God; they are the new Jerusalem.), **which cometh down out of heaven from my God...** Notice "cometh" is present tense but that's the word as originally written. So if you want to know what the timing is of this New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven, remember that Revelation tells the same story over and over. It goes back and starts again, and goes back and tells a different aspect; the book of Revelation just keeps on giving you an increasing revelation of these things. The New Jerusalem is being born from above, just as we are being born from above, just as Jesus was born from above, because He was the Bread that came down out of heaven that gives life to the world (John 6:33). That Bread is His Word, and as we partake of this Word, it manifests Him in us. The more Word we partake of, the more of Him that is in us because He is the Word of God.

**(Rev.3:12) He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out thence no more: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and mine own new name.**

What is the Name of the Lord? The Greek word for “name” is *onoma* and it means “nature, character, and authority,” so having His Name is coming into the Image of Jesus Christ.

***(Rev.21:23) And the city (This is the Bride.) hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp thereof [is] the Lamb.*** Have we seen this before? Yes. ***(2Co.3:18) But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory (There’s that glory there, which is the glory of the Lord that lightens this body of people.), even as from the Lord the Spirit.*** The “same image” is the Image of God. This is a revelation of the born-again body here on this earth, because He is being manifested in our “mortal flesh.” ***(2Co.4:11) For we who live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’sake, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.*** So that Word manifesting in us is the Lamb, and the Lamb is ***(Col.1:27) ... Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

***(Rev.21:24) And the nations shall walk amidst the light thereof (The “light” is this Bride, and the Lamb Who dwells in the Bride.): and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it. ... (27) and there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they that are written in the Lamb’s book of life.*** Nothing abominable can come into this City because this is not the physical city, this is the heavenly City. ***(Rev.5:9) And they sing a new song, saying, Worthy art thou to***

***take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood [men] of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, (10) and madest them [to be] unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they reign upon the earth. They are reigning upon the earth. (Rev.3:21) He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne.***

So the kings of the earth that enter into the Bride are not the physical kings of the earth, just as most of Revelation has nothing to do with the physical; it's a parable. And it's a parable so that God can ***(Luk.10:21) ... hide these things from the wise and understanding and ... reveal them unto babes...*** The kings of the earth bring their glory into this City, and that "glory" is the manifestation of God in them. ***(Rev.21:25) And the gates thereof shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there)*** (The glory of the Lamb will lighten them {Revelation 21:23}. Darkness comes in cycles, but the thing is, when you're walking with the Lord, you're not walking in darkness.): ***(26) and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it*** (These are who can enter into the Bride. Who cannot enter into the Bride?): ***(27) and there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that maketh an abomination and a lie*** (There are a lot of liars out there. We need to get a story straight before we spread it, which is what the churches do not do. They do not look in the Word for themselves to find the truth; they just spread what they're told.): ***but only they that are written in the Lamb's book of life.*** Only those who are written in the "Lamb's book of

life” may enter into this City.

John the Baptist pointed out the disciples were the Bride that was following the Groom, when he said of Jesus, **(Joh.3:29) He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, that standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice: this my joy therefore is made full.** Those disciples went forth and taught what Jesus had taught them, and He said of them, **(Joh.7:38) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water.** **(39) But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet [given]; because Jesus was not yet glorified.** In the preceding chapter, Jesus told us, **(Joh.6:63) It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life.** He spoke Truth into the disciples and they spoke the very same Truth to the people, and it brought life, deliverance, healing, and salvation to them. Here we can see that the “rivers of living water” are coming out of the Throne of God, which is in the Bride, new Jerusalem. **(Rev.22:1) And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, (2) in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life** (The Bible says, **{Pro.15:4} A gentle tongue is a tree of life...** So the river is proceeding out of the innermost being, out of the mouth of the Bride, over the tongue.), **bearing twelve [manner of] fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of**

***the nations.*** That's exactly what the disciples did. **(3) *And there shall be no curse any more*** (When you receive and act upon that Word, that's what delivers you from the curse.): ***and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him.***

Of course, the "living water" can only flow out of someone who is sanctified. **(Rev.22:14) *Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have the right [to come] to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city.*** As we've seen, the "city" is the Bride and only those who have "washed their robes" are in the Bride. Wash your robe with the washing of the Water with the Word (Ephesians 5:26) because the Word is the Lamb, the Word is the Light. **(15) *Without are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every one that loveth and maketh a lie.*** There are many that do those things but they're not in the City; they're not in the Bride. The Lamb is the Truth and the Word is the Truth, and the Word is what the Bride is made of. **(17) *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.*** (So the Bride is inviting the people to come. The Bride sends out the invitations, She's not being invited because She's already there.) ***And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.*** We know the Word is the true "water of life." It's not what men say that counts; that's worthless. It's what God says that is spirit and life. **(Joh.6:63) *It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life.*** The only writing on the face of the earth that has a perfect numeric pattern in every letter

written is the Bible. If you're wasting your time in churches and you haven't recognized what the Church is supposed to look like, you do best to go and read your Bible. Get the Light in you so you can see which way to walk and so you can identify what the Church really is.

***(Rev.22:18) I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book*** (This is why God's people, who are not supposed to be under the curse, are living under the curse. It's because they're adding to the words of the Book. He cursed that.): ***(19) and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book.*** They're not going to be in the Bride. If you ignore God's Word, if you make little of God's Word, if you dispute God's Word, you're not going to be one of those who is in the Holy City. It's not an accident that the book of Revelation is at the end of the Bible. God put it there on purpose. It is very important, more than going to some church, that you get your Bible out and primarily devour, first of all, the New Testament. If you do that, you'll see very clearly that "born-again from above" is more than what those dead churches have told us.

Paul gives us a parable about people being rejected. ***(Heb.12:14) Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord: (15) looking carefully lest [there be] any man that falleth short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble [you,] and thereby the many be defiled; (16) lest [there***

**be] any fornication, or profane person, as Esau, who for one mess of meat sold his own birthright. (17) For ye know that even when he afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected; for he found no place for a change of mind [in his father], though he sought it diligently with tears. Everyone in the Church must be sanctified, or they will not enter the Bride. (Heb.12:18) For ye are not come unto a [mount] that might be touched (Again, we're not talking about a physical mountain here.), and that burned with fire, and unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, ... (22) but ye are come unto mount Zion (Paul was talking about this happening in his day, when he was giving this teaching.), and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem...** God is building a spiritual Kingdom that is being born from above and those disciples, about whom John spoke when he said "He that hath the bride is the bridegroom," are the type and shadow for our end of the New Testament. They were the first to follow the Manchild. They were the first to see Him in the mirror and they went forth and did His works. That's what Jesus said Christians were, contrary to most of the so-called "Christians" today. **(Joh.14:12) Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father.** If you're throwing away that part, you're throwing away being in the Bride, because the Bride is a powerhouse.

**(Heb.12:22) But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels,**

**(23) to the general assembly** (The type and shadow of this from the Old Testament is Israel.) **and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect** (So we have the “general assembly” of all Israel, but then we have the Bride who is taken out of the “general assembly,” just as the book of Esther shows.), **(24) and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better than [that of] Abel. (25) See that ye refuse not him that speaketh**. (This is the same thing we just saw in Revelation.) **For if they escaped not when they refused him that warned [them] on earth, much more [shall not] we [escape] who turn away from him that [warneth] from heaven: (26) whose voice then shook the earth** (There was a shaking back then, and he’s about to tell us why we have another shaking coming in our day.): **but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more will I make to tremble not the earth only, but also the heaven. (27) And this [word], Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those [things] that are shaken...** Notice the word “things” is in brackets and that’s because it should be left out. It was added-in by the translators but there is no numeric pattern for it to be there. The *Numeric English New Testament*, which goes strictly by the numeric pattern, takes out all words that are not in the original, or it italicizes them. In the original manuscript, there is no numeric pattern in the word “things.” This verse is not talking about “things,” it’s talking about people. **(Heb.12:27) And this [word], Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those [things] that are shaken, as of [things that have**

***been] made...*** The words, “things that have been” also were not in the original. Here again, it’s not speaking about “things” in the first place, and “that have been” should be italicized because there’s no numeric pattern in those words, either. It should correctly be read “as of made.” You see, it’s not the natural man that inherits the Kingdom. ***(1Co.15:50) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*** A lot of things that the Church does is “flesh and blood.” A lot of things that they build have nothing to do with the Kingdom, and it is “flesh”; it’s just manmade. These are things that are all going to be shaken, and when that happens, they’re all going to pass away because they’re only temporary. There’s an earthquake that’s going to take down every church building “that those things which are not shaken may remain.” God is going to do this. God is going to shake the Church.

***(Heb.12:27) And this [word], Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those that are shaken, as of made, that those which are not shaken may remain.*** There are things that can be shaken, and there are things that cannot be shaken. One thing that’s not going to be shaken is this holy City that He’s talking about here. ***(28) Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken...*** Only what cannot be shaken is of the true Kingdom of God on earth, and as we see, this is primarily David and his ministry. They are being replicated today so that history repeats. In type, David represented Christ. Jerusalem represented those people who abide in Christ, or in whom the Presence of God lives. In other words, they are His Temple. Israel represented God’s peo-

ple, the Church. Obviously there are apostate fakes in all of these positions, but they are not the Kingdom because the Kingdom of God is those He righteously rules through. Jerusalem, of course, was the capital city which ruled over the rest of Israel. **(Heb.12:28) Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe: (29) for our God is a consuming fire.** And the fire burns up the “hay” and the “stubble.” These, in type, are things that can be “shaken” and are not a part of this Kingdom, the heavenly city of Jerusalem. **(1Co.3:12) But if any man buildeth on the foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble; (13) each man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself shall prove each man’s work of what sort it is. (14) If any man’s work shall abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward. (15) If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire.**

What we see in the Old Testament is only a type and a shadow of the good things to come. **(1Cor.10:11) Now these things happened unto them** (This is speaking about the Old Testament people of God.) **by way of example...** The Greek word there is *týpos*, and it means “figure” or “type” or “prefiguring something or somebody.” The original people of God were a parable of what God was building, because the letter of the Old Covenant becomes the Spirit in the New Covenant (2 Corinthians 3:6). **(1Cor.10:11) Now these things happened unto them by way of example; and they were written for our**

***admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come.*** Everything that happened in the Old Testament was for a type and a shadow of the real Kingdom, the born-again Kingdom in the New Testament. Those who believe that we're just step-children in this New Testament are wrong. And if we look around, we can see that the Church has been going through a removing of "those that are shaken." There's been a faction in the Church for the last few years that has been separating and removing people who are critical, people who are angry, people who are unfor-giving. They, like Esau, persecuted the true people of God, Who is using this faction to separate them from the Bride in order to purify Her.

### *The Throne of the Lord*

***(Rev.19:5) And a voice came forth from the throne, saying, Give praise to our God*** (Notice they said, "our God." That's because it's "a" voice of many.), ***all ye his servants, ye that fear him, the small and the great. (6) And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth.*** Who is sitting in the throne? Could it be the Bride, the overcomers, as we saw earlier? ***Yes. (Rev.3:21) He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne.*** We know that the Bride is not the whole Church, but still, there are

quite a few people, so what “throne” is this talking about? ***(Jer.3:17) At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem...*** Notice that the “name of the Lord” is “Jerusalem.” The word for “name” means “nature, character, and authority,” in both the Greek New Testament and the Hebrew Old Testament. That’s a person who has come into the Image of God, His nature, His character, His authority. And they have done that, of course, by the power of God and through their faith.

***(Jer.3:17) At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart. (18) In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north (The “north” represents “bondage”; Israel’s enemies came from the north.) to the land that I gave for an inheritance unto your fathers.*** Today, God’s people are once again coming out of bondage and returning to Zion. They’re returning to rebuild the Temple of God, rebuild the City of God. It’s a parable. Just as the Israelites came out of bondage to do that, you must come out of bondage and give up your religious, Babylonish captivity and return to the Word of God. ***(Jer.3:13) ... Ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord. (14) Return, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am a husband unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family (That doesn’t sound as if He’s talking about everybody.), and I will bring you***

**to Zion: (15) and I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. (16) And it shall come to pass, when ye are multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the Lord, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord; neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they miss it; neither shall it be made any more. (17) At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord (David sat there and now we see the Bride sits there.); and all the nations shall be gathered unto it... (Isa.2:3) ...for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.** The “throne,” of course, is the place of safety; the Bride is going to escape.

**(Jer.4:5) Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry aloud and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities. (6) Set up a standard toward Zion: flee for safety (Notice that the Bride is not under threat, just as Esther in the king of king’s palace wasn’t under threat, but the people of God were under a threat and she was there to save them.), stay not; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. (7) A lion is gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations; he is on his way, he is gone forth from his place, to make thy land desolate, that thy cities be laid waste, without inhabitant.** Remember that when Sennacherib and his beast army came into Israel, they conquered Israel and Judah, but when they came up to the holy city of Jerusalem, 185,000 of them were smitten by the angel of the Lord

in one night (2 Kings 19:35; Isaiah 37:36). Those Assyrians couldn't shoot even one arrow into the city (2 Kings 19:32; Isaiah 37:33). That's because when Jerusalem is holy and is righteous, Jerusalem is a place of safety. Now there are other parables of Jerusalem not being holy and righteous, and that's the fallen leadership of God's people, but when Jerusalem is holy and righteous, have no fear, it's a safe place. If you don't need the curse to perfect you, you don't need it, and She doesn't need it. So now we can see why there is "the voice of a great multitude" coming out of this throne.

### *The Righteous Acts of the Saints*

***(Rev.19:6) And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth. (7) Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. (8) And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright and pure ("Bright" is the Greek word *lampros*, which is where we get our word "lamp," and it means "shining, magnificent, bright," so there's that "glory" shining forth from her.): for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. There are many who claim, "You don't have to have any works." They don't understand that there are two kinds of works. (Eph.2:8) For by grace have ye been***

***saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, [it is] the gift of God; (9) not of works, that no man should glory.*** (This is speaking of your works, which are the works of the flesh.) ***(10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works*** (These works are the works of God in you.), ***which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.*** The Bride has God working in Her, and She has on this brilliant garment called the “righteous acts of the saints.”

*The Spirit and the Bride Say, “Come.”*

***(Rev.19:9) And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they that are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb...*** Since the Bride sends out the wedding invitations and would probably be insulted if she got an invitation to go to her own marriage, who are all these other people “that are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb”? If you insist, “But, David, I thought all the Church was in the Bride.” No, that’s not what Scripture teaches. ***(Rev.19:14) And the armies which are in heaven*** (That’s speaking of the Church.) ***followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white [and] pure.*** “White” is the Greek word, *leukos*, which means “bright white,” but it’s not shining forth with the radiance of the *lampros* garment. Once again, we see that the Church is not the Bride. Is there still the opportunity to be in the Bride? I think we’re coming close to the deadline and it does take time to overcome through trials, but God does do miraculous and powerful works and we should always put our trust in

Him. **(Jer.32:27) Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? And (Mat.19:26) ... with God all things are possible.**

Let's read just a few more verses about this Bride. **(Isa.2:3) And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.** Jerusalem was the capital city, and David ruled over Jerusalem, which ruled over the rest of Israel up until there was a faction. When the kingdom was divided between Judah and Israel, the people were separated and Israel went and worshiped the golden calf (1 Kings 12). That's happening now, too, and by separating from the body, the factious are proving who they really are. Israel also made priests who were not of the Levite lineage, so their priests were not ordained, and that's something else that the factious are doing today in a repetition of history.

### *Thy Kingdom Come*

**(Psa.132:13) For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for his habitation.** Is it not true that that's where it was, literally? Yes. And is it not true today that the spiritual city of Zion covers the globe and has no walls (Ezekiel 38:11; Zechariah 2:4)? Yes. **(14) This is my resting-place for ever: Here will I dwell; for I have desired it. (15) I will abundantly bless her provi-**

**sion: I will satisfy her poor with bread. (16) Her priests also will I clothe with salvation; And her saints shall shout aloud for joy. (17) There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. (18) His enemies will I clothe with shame; But upon himself shall his crown flourish.**

**(Psa.50:2) Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty** (There's our Shulamite, and we've seen that her name means, "perfection" or "completeness."), **God hath shined forth.** (And there's that radiant glory.) **(3) Our God cometh, and doth not keep silence: A fire devoureth before him, And it is very tempestuous round about him. (4) He calleth to the heavens above, And to the earth, that he may judge his people: (5) Gather my saints** (The Hebrew word there is *chasid* and it means "godly ones; pious; devoted to God's service," or in other words, "sanctified ones.") **together unto me, Those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.** It takes sacrifice. Jesus said, **(Luk.14:27) Whosoever doth not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.**

**(Psa.15:1) Lord, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?** That's speaking of a citizen of Zion, and it goes on to describe what this person is like. **(2) He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, And speaketh truth in his heart** (It's sad but many people deceive their own heart.); **(3) He that slandereth not with his tongue, Nor doeth evil to his friend, Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor** (Those will eliminate all the factious, right there.); **(4) In whose eyes a repro-**

**bate is despised, But who honoreth them that fear the Lord; He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not; (5) He that putteth not out his money to interest, Nor taketh reward against the innocent.** (People will allow themselves to be bribed to do bad things.) **He that doeth these things shall never be moved.**

**(Psa.24:1) The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein. (2) For he hath founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the floods. (3) Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? (4) He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; Who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood...** Some people want to be deceived, because they're afraid that they won't make it unless they change the doctrine to suit themselves and the situation they're in. For instance, "once saved, always saved" or the "pre-tribulation, all fly away rapture" do away with the need to bear fruit and the need to suffer the death of the old man. They let people go on living any way they want to live, all the while deceiving themselves that they're going to heaven. **(Psa.24:4) He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; Who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood, And hath not sworn deceitfully. (5) He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. (6) This is the generation of them that seek after him** (They're running after the Lord, like the Shulamite.), **That seek thy face, [even] Jacob.** Oh, we praise You, Father!

**(Psa.125:1) They that trust in the Lord Are as mount Zion...** Do you really believe the Word of God?

***(Mar.11:24) Therefore I say unto you, All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye received them, and ye shall have them.*** Do you believe it? Or have you been taught not to believe it? ***(Psa.125:1) They that trust in the Lord Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth for ever. (2) As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, So the Lord is round about his people From this time forth and for evermore. (3) For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous*** (The righteous are not going under the authority of the beast, just as in the Sennacherib scenario {2 Kings 19:32-36}, because the righteous are free.); ***That the righteous put not forth their hands unto iniquity. (4) Do good, O Lord, unto those that are good, And to them that are upright in their hearts. (5) But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord will lead them forth with the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel.*** Obviously, “born again from above” has its advantages, especially if you carry it all the way to the end, to the manifestation of ***(Col.1:27) ... Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

So once again, we’re seeing that salvation is both instant and progressive. Salvation is instant by faith, because it’s by faith that you call ***(Rom.4:17) ... the things that are not, as though they were.*** And salvation is progressive by manifestation, because we come more and more into that spotless and blemishless Bride as we continue to walk with the Lord. The position of Bride is given to us in the beginning of our walk, but many go astray as soon as they’re born. ***(Psa.58:3) The wicked are estranged from the womb: They go astray as soon as they are born,***

**speaking lies.** Even though there are many opportunities for people to go to the Truth, and believe and stand on the Truth, and let that Word live in them, there are those who do what they think prospers them in the short-term. They're not willing to suffer their cross. The Lord says of them that they haven't **(Psa.50:5) ...made a covenant with me by sacrifice.** If you don't take up your cross and follow Him, you cannot be His disciple (Luke 14:27).

All but one of those first disciples who followed Jesus went forth and spoke and did the same works Jesus did. They were the Bride being born from above (John 3:29). So we're learning that being truly born-again has a lot more to it than the simple-minded way that the church describes born-again. The church does it no justice and the church motivates nobody to go on with the Lord. They teach, "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior, go sit on a pew, and wait for the rapture." No, that's just bologna, and pretty soon everybody's going to know that it's bologna. This heavenly Jerusalem that's coming down is a copy of the shadow of the heavenly things, just as was told to Moses (Hebrews 8:5). What's in heaven is coming down, because Jesus taught us to pray, **(Mat.6:10) Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.** We are praying the Kingdom of God down onto the earth, saints! Glory be to God! Those in the Bride are born from above, they are coming down out of heaven from God, and the complete manifestation of this Kingdom is going to be at the end of the tribulation period. That's when we'll see the fulfillment of what the parable in the Old Testament was only pointing to. We are born of God, saints; we're not born of man. God bless you and keep you. Amen.



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