

God's greatest delight is His Son Jesus. Jesus is as eternal, powerful and wonderful as His Father, and works exactly the same way His Father does. Yet the Father, in great love, *gave His Son* to mankind as a Gift - that whosoever would receive Him, should not perish but have eternal life. This is amazing!

We need nothing more, for - *"In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge ... and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."* (Colossians 2:3-10)

What an inexpressible joy it is to know Christ! The Apostle Peter wrote about the new birth as giving us a *"living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"* - (Peter 1:3).

Because Christ lives, we can know Him, talk to Him, and walk with Him in a real and personal way! Because He lives, He can take care of us *forever* by His great power!



Now, God will speak to your heart as you read the Bible, and you can speak to Him anytime, anywhere, through the miracle of prayer. This is living!

"Be followers of God as dear children ..."
~ Ephesians 5:1 ~

God has promised to *never leave or forsake* those who belong to Him. What a joy it is to be born again and become a child of God!



If you have any questions or would like to know more about what it means to be born again and become a child of God, please feel free to contact:

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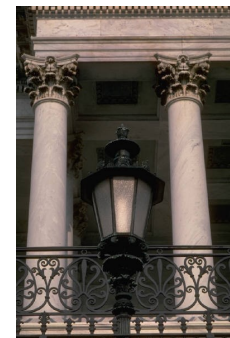
MOST ASSUREDLY,
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UNLESS ONE IS

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GOD.

~JESUS CHRIST~

JOHN 3:3
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BORN FROM ABOVE



When you were born, you became aware of everything around you. Your senses of sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch, became avenues to experience the world.

Do not marvel that I said to you 'You must be born again.' - John 3:7

When Jesus spoke of the need to be born again, He was saying that we need our spirits to be made alive, so that we can experience His world, the Kingdom of God.

This is a genuine, miraculous, spiritual birth. It is not passed down through heritage; it is not 'turning over a new leaf,' nor is it some mystical experience achieved by human effort. It is a powerful work of God alone. - (John 1:12,13)

However, God requires two conditions from you *before* He grants this new life: repentance toward Himself, and faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Why repentance? Because God will not grant new life to anyone who is not willing to confess and forsake the sins of their old life. Why faith in Christ? Because God's gift of eternal life is extended to you only through the death and resurrection of Christ, His Son.

When God hears a heart-felt prayer of confession for sins and thankfulness for Jesus death (paying our debt of sin) on the cross, He sends His Holy Spirit to dwell within that person and make their spirit alive. New life begins! Abundant, righteous, and eternal! (Acts 2:38; 20:21).

Suddenly a person awakens to the reality of God's presence in their daily life. The "eyes" of their understanding have opened. Their "ears" hear the promises of God in a new way. They have a hunger for the Bible and "taste" (experience) that God is good. They reach out and "touch" Him through prayer, and He answers.

To be "born again" is to be made alive to God while living on earth. This is abundant and eternal life! This is why Jesus said, "*I am the resurrection and the life: the one who believes in Me, though he may die, yet shall he live: And whosoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?*" (John 11:25,26).

To receive Christ is to receive: "*an abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness*" so that you can be victorious in this life and assured of the next. - (Romans 5:17)



"Earnestly contend for the faith..." - Jude 3,4

The Bible is emphatic, "*There is salvation in no other: for there is no other name under*

heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." - (Acts 4:12)

It is important to realize that no other person, no church, and no human ceremony has the power to forgive sins and bestow real spiritual life.

Many today are trying to "experience" God through mystical practices like lectio divina (chanting until a state of self-hypnosis is reached), labyrinths, yoga, eastern meditation, isolation, and asceticism (acts of self-denial). But these man-made attempts at approaching God are only empty substitutes for the realities of a true spiritual birth.

God gives us a warning in His Word, saying: "*Take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow [the nations around you]... and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.*" - (Deuteronomy 12:30).

God is approachable, and He invites us to share His glory, but there is only one way: "*For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all ...*" - (2 Timothy 2:5)

This is why Jesus said: "*I am the way, the truth and the life. No one approaches the Father except through Me.*" - (John 14:6)