Can You Believe the Power of NEW BIRTH?

Being **born again** (new birth) is required to become a citizen of Heaven.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6.)

But this is **not just** your ticket to Heaven, it's a miracle on the inside; your brand new spirit (Eph 4:24; Col 3:19).

Romans 5:17

¹⁷ For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Anything that comes as a result of sin is death. Shame is death. Sickness, poverty, divorce, war, and all things that came as a result of the Fall are death.

There are many in the modern-day church who will say their sins are forgiven, but they don't believe they are righteous. Yet this verse and its context are saying this gift wasn't just salvation—forgiveness of sins—but right standing, or righteousness, with God as a gift.

Notice that we have to receive the abundance of God's grace AND the gift of righteousness to reign in life.

2 Peter 1:3

as His **divine power has given to us** all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.

Peter was saying that everything we need comes through knowledge. That's because Jesus has already given us everything we could ever need when we are born again. We don't need to get something else new. We just need a revelation of what we already have in Christ. Faith is already present (Galatians 5:22-23). We just need to learn how to use what we have.

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

Our spirits are the only part of us that is exactly like Jesus IN THIS WORLD. What a powerful truth. Since God is a Spirit (John 4:24), and we have to approach Him in spirit and in truth, then God can freely fellowship with us because our born-again spirits are just like Him. What a deal!

Romans 8:29

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

God only predestinates those who He foreknew would accept Him. He has never predestinated anyone to hell.

Those He knew would accept Him as Savior are predestinated to become just like Jesus. As we renew our minds, (Rom 12:2) this can happen to a degree in this life, but every true believer will be exactly like Jesus only when we see Him (1 John 3:1-2).

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Paul was preaching a death to self, but it is very important to notice how this death took place. Paul was dead through what Jesus did. Paul experienced this death by simply reckoning what had already happened through Christ to be so (Romans 6:11).

Many believers don't realize what they have, because this faith is in their born-again spirits. It can't be perceived with just carnal methods. They just have to trust the revelation given in God's spiritual mirror (John 6:63 and James 1:25). There isn't a lack of faith, just a lack of knowledge.

Colossians 1:25-27

the <u>mystery</u> which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.** Rit baptism *secret or hidden truth.

Paul spoke of this mystery four times in this letter (Col 1:26-27, 2:2, and 4:3).

This is a theme of this book. I believe this is the wisdom of God in a mystery that he spoke of in 1 Cori 2:6-7.

The mystery of Christ dwelling in us (Colossians 1:27) was a mystery to the Old Testament saints. They couldn't have imagined in their wildest dreams that God Almighty would possess us in all of His power and might. Sad to say, most Christians haven't conceived this either.

When Paul said the mystery had "been hid from ages and from generations," he was speaking about the generations of people under the Old Testament era.

They didn't understand the New Covenant mysteries that were prophesied in the Old Covenant, because these mysteries could not be understood apart from divine revelation. 1 Cor 2:9.

NOW, your next burst of power that the Lord wants you to have is the power of the Holy Spirit baptism!

In Acts 1:8 Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

"Ask, seek, and knock" (Matt 7:7) and receive this gift today! (Luke 11:13)

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