

# THE NEW BIRTH

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## HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR LIFE?

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

*For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Romans 7:18, 19*

## WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF THIS CONDITION?

Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but *sin that dwelleth in me. Romans 7:20*

## WHAT IS IT THAT CAUSES US TO SIN?

Because *the carnal mind* is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. *Romans 8:7-9*

## WHAT WILL THE RESULT OF HAVING A CARNAL MIND BE?

*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Romans 8:6*

## WHO ALONE CAN RESCUE US FROM THIS CONDITION?

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

I thank God through *Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 7:24, 25*

## WHAT DOES JESUS ENABLE US TO DO?

*I can do all things* through Christ which strengtheneth me.

*Philippians 4:13*

## WHAT MUST WE DO TO MAKE THIS EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE?

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

## WHAT TYPE OF A LIFE WILL WE THEN LIVE?

What shall we say then? *Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?*

*God forbid.* How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so *we also should walk in newness of life.*

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the

likeness of his resurrection:

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that *henceforth [from this point forward] we should not serve sin.*

For he that is dead is freed from sin. *Romans 6:1-7*

#### HOW NEW IS OUR LIFE IN CHRIST TO BE?

And that he died for all, that they which live *should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again....*

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: *old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:15, 17*

#### WHAT IS THIS NEW LIFE LIKENED TO?

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be *born again*, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, *Ye must be born again. John 3:3-7*

#### HOW IMPORTANT IS THIS NEW BIRTH?

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit....

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now *if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his....*

For *as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:1, 9, 14*

#### WHAT WILL THE PERSON LED OF THE SPIRIT BE LIKE?

That ye put off concerning the former conversation [conduct] the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

And that ye *put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24*

#### HOW IS THIS TYPE OF LIFE POSSIBLE?

For *it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Philippians 2:13*