

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

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Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** (John 3:3-6) ESVS

*What Happens When You Are **BORN AGAIN?***

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you.** And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, **Peace be unto you:** as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, **he breathed on them,** and **saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:** (John 20:19-22)

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.** (Rom. 8:9)

What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?** For **ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.** (1 Cor. 6:19,20)

*Notice the disciples were Born Again at this point. They were saved and going to Heaven. **When you receive the Spirit** you are Saved, Born Again, Justified, Sanctified, Regenerated, and a New Creation in Christ Jesus. Notice, they also received the **Peace of God** (Phil. 4:6,7). Peace is the primary fruit of salvation. But, you also get another kind of peace, **Peace with God** (Rom. 5:1). This is very important because the Bible declares that few of what is called the Church are not saved (Born Again), and the World of course is totally lost and going to Hell.*

What Happens to a Person when they are Born Again?

There has to be a change in behavior and attitude. You cannot continue to be the same old person you were before. You were changed from death to life, darkness to light, you have a new heart and spirit. You now live to please the Lord.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. (Ezek. 36:26)

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!**

(2 Cor. 5:16,17)

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.** (John 8:31,32)

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. (Mark 13:13)

God's Warning; THE NARROW WAY

And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. **Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:** (Luke 13:22-25)

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (Matt. 7:13,14)

*The word **Saved** in the Greek means **to be delivered**. Deliverance from an eternal separation from God! It is also a continual work of Grace throughout our lives. We can keep Sin at bay by simply walking in obedience.*

Your obedience is the key to avoid Sin. We can be delivered from sickness, emotional pain, and evil by simple obedience and believing what God has said. God doesn't enjoy having to discipline us, but He uses that dumb devil to get us back in line with Him.

Was Paul Worried about his Faith and the Narrow Way?

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.

Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?** (2 Cor. 13:5)

Wherefore, my beloved, 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.** (Phil. 2:12)

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

(1 Cor. 9:27)

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Prov. 14:12)

So yes, Paul certainly was worried about his Faith and the Narrow way!

Jesus said; “I Am the Door”

Through the CROSS God the Father has given you a way back to Him.

To live with Him forever. (Col. 1:19,20 - 1 Cor. 2:2 - Gal. 6:14)

So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep.** “**All those who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.** “**I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.** “**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came so that they would have life, and have it abundantly.** “**I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.** “**He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters the flock.**

“He flees because he is a hired hand and does not care about the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me:

(John 10:7-14) NASB

Jesus is the Only Door to the Father. Don't place your trust on a famous man, a denomination, pope, or any other man made scheme.

How Can You Identify a Real Christian? (this is important)

Going to Church won't save you, doing good works won't save you, taking the Eucharist won't save you, being a good person won't save you, but you can identify a real Christian by the way they live; (their words, their actions, their habits, their life style. A good tree can never produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can never produce good fruit.

A Good Tree Can Never Produce Bad Fruit

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? **Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.** (Mat. 7:15-20)

A Good Tree will Produce the Fruit of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (Gal. 5:22-24)

For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. (Eph. 5:9-12)

A TRUE Christian Will Do the WILL of the Father (Obedience)

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matt. 7:21-23)

I have No Patience for fake (false) ministers. (pastors, teachers, evangelists, prophets, etc...); and please don't get me started on false apostles:

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. (John 14:21)

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. (John 15:10)

*A TRUE Christian will have Clean Hands and a Pure Heart
(is honest and upfront with God)*

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. (Psa. 24:3-5)

A TRUE Christian will Not Grieve the HOLY SPIRIT

And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.** (Eph. 4:30)

But **we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.** (2 Cor. 3:18)

*Jesus asked this Question; “Will I Find Faith When I Return” (TRUE FAITH)
The World wants you to be opened minded saying; it doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you believe something. Scripture says “**The devil also believes and trembles.**” (Jam. 2:19). The World says; there are many paths to God, Jesus makes it clear that **there is Only One Path** to God. **The Narrow Way**. You need to strive (work hard) to live for Jesus; to walk consistently in the fruit of the Spirit refusing to engage in the works of the flesh. To discipline your faith, and to endure to the end. So as disciples, do not take God’s Grace for granted. Don’t exhibit a faithless greasy Grace. Let’s not grieve the Holy Spirit with disobedience as He works to transform us into the image of Christ!*

I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. **Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?** (Luke 18:8)

*When Jesus returns for His Bride millions will be shocked when they realize they’ve been left behind. They’re blind sided and terrified, religious people among them. The World will come up with all sorts of lies as to why the millions suddenly disappeared. Fake news will deceive the people not telling them the Truth. Some Churches are already following A. I. (artificial intelligence). A direct question was posed to A.I.; “**What is your name?**” and A. I. responded, my name is **I Am**. **That is my name**. Folks, A. I. is controlled by demons backed up by satan himself! The WORD OF GOD (which is really JESUS) John chapter 1; stands True and cannot be changed nor destroyed. It is the unchangeable, indestructible, Word of the Living God. The Word of God was here before you got here, and it will still be here after you’re gone. No politician, no psychiatrist, no scientist, no philosophy, no ideology, or artificial intelligence can discredit it.*

Only a Remnant get into Heaven each Generation

Throughout the earth the story is the same only a remnant is left, like the stray olives left on the tree or the few grapes left on the vine after harvest.

(Is. 24:13) NLT

Jeremiah the prophet. They said, “**Please pray to the LORD your God for us.**
As you can see, **we are only a tiny remnant compared to what we were before.**
Pray that the LORD your God will show us what to do and where to go.”

(Jer. 42:2,3)

*The good news is that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against the True Church!
The ROCK refers to Christ, not Peter.*

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and **the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.** (Matt. 16:18)

Humility is the Queen of Virtues

*Time is too short don't waste it with pride. **Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less!***

A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit. (Prov. 29:23)

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

(Prov. 16:18)

When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

(Prov. 11:2)

The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined. (Psa. 10:2)

And Note This;

And people will come from all over the world from east and west, north and south to take their places in the Kingdom of God. **And note this: Some who seem least important now will be the greatest then, and some who are the greatest now will be least important then.**" (Luke 13:29,30) NLT

Who are the least, and who are the greatest? The least important are the faithful disciples who walk in humility, serve with loyalty, and seek no applause from men. The so called nobodies, served behind the scenes with a pure heart. In terms of positions or titles they may seem very unimportant right now but Jesus said they will be seen as the greatest in the Kingdom. On the other hand, those who strive after prominence, position, and power, who feed their self promoting pride; Jesus said they are the ones who will be seen as the least in the Kingdom of Heaven.