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Born Again?

The comments that follow is a subject that the Lord has had me write about again and again. Again I was writing about that subject thinking Lord do you want me to write about this or is this just me. The Lord spoke "finish writing about what you are writing. I am the one who wants it written." This is written because the Father and the Son want none lost to the prince of this world. We Christians think if we are not doing the sins of fornication, murder, homosexual acts, being drunkards, stealing and other sinful acts, we are right with God and Jesus Christ. Consider these scriptures and keep them before you as you read the rest of what the Lord wants written. **John 14:15-17, 21, 23** **15** *If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 21 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. 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.* (KJV) Even before Jesus Christ spoke these words about another Comforter, the Spirit of truth there came John the Baptist who spoke in **Matthew 3:11-12** **11** *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.* (KJV) John the Baptist was warning the Pharisees and Sadducees who were proud and full of self claiming to know God that without repentance they were only chaff to be burned. We must ask ourselves are we the wheat of Jesus Christ or only chaff to be burned being like the Pharisees and Sadducees.

If God is to direct us each day of our lives to do His will, we must be living and walking in the Spirit at all times. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:1. If we are to walk after the Spirit, then our answer must be yes to the question Paul asked the **Acts 19:1-7**. **1** *And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any*

Holy Ghost. **3** And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. **4** Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. **5** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. **7** And all the men were about twelve. (KJV)

If we answer no, we have sinned and come short of the glory of God. See Romans 3:21. Thank God for sending Jesus Christ His only begotten Son. Thank Jesus Christ that He did the will of the Father by obeying His commands. Thank Jesus Christ that we can be forgiven of our sins to be holy as God is holy. Jesus commanded that we be born of the Spirit and of water to enter into the kingdom of God. Jesus Christ died on the cross that the Holy Spirit could come. The Holy Spirit came and is our teacher teaching only what he hears from the Father and the Son. See John 14:26. How do we know we have the Holy Spirit upon us, in us and about us? Read the book of Acts to find the answer. If your answer is no to Paul's question, then in the name of Jesus Christ we can knock, ask and receive. **Matthew 7:7-8** **7** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: **8** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (KJV) Ask your heavenly Father to give you the Holy Spirit. **Luke 11:13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him (KJV) Jesus spoke this in **Luke 24:49** And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit come and fills you with power from heaven. The Holy Ghost comes to only those that obey God being the living God, the word of God being Jesus Christ and the words He spoke being the law of Christ. **Acts 5:32** And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him (KJV)

Look what Paul wrote in **Galatians 3:2** Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by **obeying the law of Moses**? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ (NLT) and in **Galatians 3:5** I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you **obey the law**? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ (NLT) For generations the full message about Christ has not been preached nor have the commands of Jesus Christ been obeyed being the law of Christ. Yet we claim we know Christ. Yet we claim to be born again. How can we know Christ without hearing the full message of Christ? How can we know if we have truly been born again without hearing the full message of Christ? This is a stumbling block for Christians. They have believed what each denominational pastor-preacher-leader teaches and preaches about Christ called church doctrine. Christians have been lied to, cheated and talked out of the greatest happening in our Christian walk to maturity. Therefore they are not born of the Spirit and born of water as commanded by Jesus Christ

Without the Holy Spirit we Christians are powerless having no power from heaven. See Acts 1:8. Without the Holy Spirit we Christians cannot leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ. See Hebrews 6:1-3. Without the Holy Spirit, we can only read the rest of the New Testament after the book of Acts in the flesh and not in the Spirit missing out on the full message God has for us. The New Testament from Romans to Revelation is written for Spirit filled Christians. Our faith cannot grow because we cannot pray in the Holy Spirit. See Jude 1:20.

We cannot be in the Spirit as John was in the Spirit in Revelation 1:10 to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. The church is where two or more are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ and Jesus will be present. Without the Holy Spirit according to the word of God, we cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **Without the Holy Spirit or without water baptism, we have not kept the commandments of Jesus Christ being sinners not abiding in Jesus Christ.** *John 15:4-6* ⁴ *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.* ⁵ *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.* ⁶ *If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.* (KJV)

Do you think what the Lord had me write so far is hog wash? Do you think God's word can be picked over like you do fruit? Do you think that parts of the law of Moses or the old covenant must be applied in your life to receive salvation? If you have answered yes to any one of these questions, then you have not believed the message the word of God preaches about Jesus Christ. With that unbelief comes disobedience causing sin. Without obeying the word of God, are we a born again Christian? I will take you to the word of God which is truth and cannot lie to show what you must do to be a born again Christian. The Lord opened my understanding with revelation knowledge and wisdom from Jesus Christ via the Holy Spirit in John 3:3-8. Again without being born of the Spirit you may disagree being in the flesh with a fit of anger. These scriptures I have studied over the years, written about these scriptures with anointing from the Holy Spirit. Now after what the Holy Spirit revealed to me in these past days, I know now I had only seen dimly as through a muddy window. With that limited view I wrote according with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It is still the truth but only being a part of the greater truth God is bringing forth in the days we live in.

These days we live in and the days to follow God will be revealing more and more of what has laid hidden in His word. Only by living in the Spirit will we receive and understand this hidden manna. What a feast God has for His Spirit filled children who have obeyed the law of Christ. Are you ready to receive some of God's greater manna by faith and with the anointing of the Holy Spirit by being born again?

Let us read what Jesus Christ spoke on being born again in **John 3:3-8**. (KJV)

³ *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.*

⁴ *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?*

⁵ *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.*

⁶ *That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

⁷ *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

⁸ *The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

Here is what the Lord has revealed. In verse 3 Jesus said to Nicodemus: we must be born again or we cannot see the kingdom of God. In verse 7 Jesus repeated: You must be born again.

It is the verses between 3 and 8 that Jesus explains what we must do to be born again. Born again means what Jesus spoke in verse 5. 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.

In verse 6 if we Christians have not been born of water by water baptism and born of the Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, we remain being born of the flesh since the day we came forth from our mother's womb.

In verse 8 Jesus is telling us there is no set method that God uses for man to be born of the Spirit. This is seen in Acts how and when the people received the Holy Spirit because by faith they believed the gospel of the good news. An example is what Peter spoke when he came back to Jerusalem from visiting the home of Cornelius. *Acts 11:15-17* **15** *And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.* **16** *Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.* **17** *Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?* (KJV) Also in our day it is by faith, believing and asking the Father for the Holy Spirit baptism. Or we can have other believers that have the Holy Spirit baptism to lay hand on us and pray for the Holy Spirit to fall upon us.

We must be born again to see and enter into the kingdom of God. Confessing only Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior will not let you enter into the kingdom of God but you may see the kingdom of God. Being born of water only or being born of the Spirit only will not let you enter into the kingdom of God. To be born again you must be born both of water and of the Spirit. The proof is found in the word of God. Look in Acts 2:38, Acts 8:14-17, Acts 10:44-48 and Acts 19:1-7. From the word of God, we have three or more witnesses that we will look at below. Let us see what these witnesses say.

Paul wrote in *Romans 10:9-10* **9** *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* **10** *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* (KJV) This is not all that must be done to be saved. To be saved (born again) we must do what Jesus Christ commanded in John 3:3-8.

We know Paul knew that for disciples to be born again they must receive the Holy Spirit and be water baptized in the name of Jesus Christ as seen in *Acts 19:1-7* **1** *And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,* **2** *He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.* **3** *And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.* **4** *Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.* **5** *When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.* **6** *And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.* **7** *And all the men were about twelve.* (KJV)

Peter spoke in *Acts 2:37-39* **37** *Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.** (KJV) Notice Peter did not say confess. Instead He said REPENT, be BAPTIZED in the name of JESUS CHRIST and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Notice Peter did not say maybe or might but ye shall receive the Holy Ghost.

As we continue in Acts chapter 8, we see that the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God they sent Peter and John to Samaria. Don't you think the apostles had reports about the absence of the Holy Ghost or Spirit? When Peter and John arrived they found Philip was preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. The new disciples had been water baptized but the Holy Ghost had fallen on none of them ***Acts 8:14-17*** **14** *Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:* **15** *Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:* **16** *(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)* **17** *Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.* (KJV) Phillip being an apostle was not preaching the fullness of the Good News as Jesus Christ commanded to be born again. Peter and John corrected Phillip's preaching by praying for the Holy Ghost to be received. The word of God is its own witness. Phillip preached the Good News with signs and miracles and the people believed his message and were water baptized. Peter and John laid hands on and prayed and the Holy Ghost came.

Should we not be trembling with fear knowing now that we have not been born again as commanded by Jesus Christ? But how can we have a fear of God when the whole complete message of Jesus Christ is not being preached. Only by being born again of water and of the Spirit can we see and enter into the kingdom of God.

Oh how God's heart grieves as He looks down upon us from heaven. He sees those He has called out becoming proud and falling away. He sees those claiming to be born again without being born of both water and Spirit. In these conditions we Christians are like rocks in the bottom of a lake being good for nothing. We must not let these sins hold us back from the promises of God. Let us repent and seek and do the truth the word of God states. Then on that day when we are judged we will have won the race and receive all of our heavenly rewards promised by God and Jesus Christ. God has no favorites when He judges. Paul gave us this warning in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 ⁷ *And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels,* ⁸ *in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God **and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus.*** ⁹ *They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.* ¹⁰ *When he comes on that day, he will receive glory from his holy people—praise from all who believe. And this includes you, for you believed what we told you about him.* (NLT) We will not be able to say we did not know when the word of God makes it clear what we are to do. We cannot deliberately continue to sin after we have received a full knowledge of the truth. Please read Hebrews 10:26-29.

I have written what the Lord wanted expressed again. God has called out His own and

they wait to go forth to preach the gospel of the kingdom to the world and then the end will come with the return of Jesus Christ. Are you ready and fully prepared? Are you born again as commanded by Jesus Christ? Are you born again following the examples of the apostles in the Book of Acts? I fear for you because of your unbelief of the word of God. I pray that you become born again by repenting being born or water and of the Spirit. Think again what Jesus said in John 14 at the beginning of this message. If we are not born again as this study has shown then the Spirit of truth, you know Him not and cannot see Him. Why? What did Jesus say?

God is shaking all things in heaven and on earth. The old ways of religion will not and cannot stand because it is not of God but of man's making. Man being of the world cannot receive the Spirit of truth because of unbelief. Repent and be born again not by man's word but in truth being the word of God. Otherwise we are only chaff being proud following the examples of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Amen.