

Being Born Again

Greetings of peace my dear brothers, sisters, friends and most certainly my enemies in the name of the Almighty God, the maker and creator of both heaven and earth. I truly thank God for the love in which he shown to us by sending his only begotten son into the world to die to redeem us from that sinful place in which we were all under due to the disobedience in the garden by the man, Adam and the woman, Eve, to ultimately reconcile us back to the father to restore the relationship between the creator (God) and the creation, (man & woman) by his precious blood. For the word of God teaches according to 1 Peter 1:18-21, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God." For this is better understood with the scripture according to Hebrews 9:22 in which it says, "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." So it took the precious blood of Jesus Christ God's only begotten son to atone for our sins to the father on our behalf so that we could have the right to the tree of life.

When it comes to an individual being born again, it is important to understand that baptism is not yet for an individual because they have to be taught first. With being taught the word of God, you have to believe in what you are being taught in which is that the son of God was sent down from heaven by the father to the earth, went down to the grave, was resurrected, and went back into heaven being on the right hand of God (the father). If you don't believe this after it has been preached unto you, then you are not ready for water baptism because you are unclear and don't know what the water used in baptism represents. The water represents the death, burial and resurrection of the son of God. For the holy scriptures teaches us according to Romans 6:3-4 in which it says, "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." If you don't believe in the son of God or if you are trying to say he "was" the son of God and he is no more or that the son of God ended on the cross, it is no sense of trying to be baptized." For you have got to be first hear and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ and then you can go to the water. Now having this in mind, it is important that I mention so that you can understand in which is, baptism alone doesn't save you. For it says in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

My brother and my sister please here me when I say this, many people have been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and are still not saved, still not born again and do you know why that is? It is because they rushed and went to the water not truly knowing or understanding what the water baptism represents because they haven't been taught right. With being taught wrong, many have believed in vain and truly have no knowledge of it at all. For the scriptures says according to 1 Corinthians 1:13-17, "Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect." Right in these verses, Paul is not in any way whatsoever condemning baptism but making sure that the person that is to be baptized focuses on who the baptism actually represents and to not get caught up in the person that is doing the baptizing. For it is better to have 1 person go down in water to be baptized in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ the son of God believing in the gospel then to have many people baptized and none of them believe the gospel.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:19-20)

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:15-16)

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:44-47)

It is not important for an individual to look and or appear to be holy but you have to actually be holy for it says in the scriptures in 1 Peter 1:16, "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." Holiness is not just something to be said but it has to become a way of life." To reiterate, water baptism comes after you hear and believe the gospel. The scriptures says in Romans 10:8-14 in which it says, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" You can have the look all you want, appearing to be holy but without the main ingredient in which makes you holy which is the holy ghost, you cannot be holy.

"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" (John 7:38-39)

You may have the look and the right dressing of modesty but if you are missing the main ingredient that qualifies you to be holy which is the holy ghost, it will be impossible to be holy on your own strength alone. For a person to receive the gift of the holy ghost, you have to believe what the scriptures say about him being the son of God. If you believe what the scriptures says about the son of God and have faith, God can allow that spirit to come upon you and get in you. Believing the gospel which is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ being the only begotten son of God and then to be baptized in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, you can be saved but he that believeth not shall be damned. You can be baptized as many times as you will like, choose to or prefer but all you are doing is wasting your time because of your unbelief. Having a form of godliness is not going to be enough because you got to believe the gospel of the only begotten son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Over the years some people have lied and said that the son of God was from the womb to the tomb. Others say that the son of God ended on the cross. There are others who have said that the father came down from heaven, clothed himself up in flesh, and went to the cross, shedded all of the sonship and got out of the grave being all father and no more son. The apostles in the scriptures never preached this. The apostles doctrine in which they received from being taught by the son of God, consisted of both the father and the son. You cannot have a form of godliness and deny the power of God because Christ is the power and wisdom of God and we need him. Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." The gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ God's only begotten son is the death, burial and resurrection. For the scriptures says according to the book of Romans 10:8-14, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" You see your heart and your mouth has got to be in agreement with each other. You cannot say things out of your mouth in a way to get along with your fellow brethren saying that you are using wisdom because you have to say what the holy scriptures says and how it says so that we don't fall privy to doing what the scriptures tells us not to do in which is to not add or take away. (Revelation 22:18-19)

"And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?" (Mark 4:21)

"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." (Matthew 5:15)

No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light."
(Luke 11:33)

Regardless of how you may feel or someone else may feel, the truth of God does not compromise with a lie but it exposes by shining light which is the truth of the word of God to that lie in order to get it in order and in compliance with the word of God. (To better understand this read Psalms 119:105)

Now as far as receiving the holy ghost, yiu have to make sure that you are calling that very name that is higher and above all other names which is Jesus Christ, the son of God. For most people, the only time that they will mention the name of the only begotten son of God which is Jesus Christ is when they are referring it to the father. I am persuaded for most people, if they were not referring the name Jesus

Christ to the father, that they would not even say Jesus at all. For the scriptures says according to Hebrews 1:4 says, "Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they." So many people are always trying to refer Jesus Christ the only begotten son of God to what he was or had been and that the son of God ended on the cross but this is not true according to the scripture. For it says in the book of Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." The holy scriptures says in John 5:20, "For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel." If you are not getting it yet, perhaps just one more scripture could help you out in which comes from the book of Hebrews 10:20 in which it says, "By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;"

After you hear the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the death, burial and resurrection of the only begotten son of God preached and you repent and truly mean it from the depths of your heart, you are now ready for water baptism. There are times when people have received the holy ghost before baptism and then there are times when people received the holy ghost after being baptized.

Acts 10:47 - received the holy ghost before baptism. For it says according to Acts 10:47 in the holy scriptures, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?"

After a person receives the holy ghost, one of the initial signs of the holy ghost, is the speaking in tongue as the spirit of God gives utterance. For the scripture says in 1 John 2:22-23, "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." For it also says in 1 John 5:9-12, "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he

that hath not the Son of God hath not life." The trick of the devil is to make people deny the son of God because the devil knows that, that is salvation. If you read through Matthew, Mark and Luke, the argument or topic of discussion was about who the son of God is and my dear brothers and sisters, that is the same argument and topic of discussion of today. Read through these scriptures to understand what the people back then were calling the son of God and then pay close attention as you read to what his disciple the Apostle Peter called him.

"And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ."

(Mark 8:27-29)

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

(Matthew 16:13-17)

"And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am? They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again. He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God."

(Luke 9:18-20)

For the holy scriptures says in John 3:34-36 in which it states, "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

So as we have discussed, the holy ghost is able to be received through and by our belief in knowing who the only begotten son of God Jesus Christ is. If one does not believe in the gospel of the only begotten son of God which is the death, burial and resurrection as it so mentions in the holy scriptures, one cannot be saved. For one must hear and believe what the scriptures says about the son of God. For it says in the holy scriptures according to John 14:16-18, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 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. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." It further says in John 14:26, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." According to John 3:16-18 it says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

We have to as I like to call it, undergo spiritual transformational surgery so that we can get rid of anything that is not like God pertaining to the old creature so that the spirit can come inside of us making us a new creature in God through and by us believing in the record that the father gave about his only begotten son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For we must believe entirely what the scriptures says about the only begotten son of God and not to add to it or take away from the scriptures lest we ourselves receive and reap the just recompense written in the scriptures for doing such an error. For the scriptures says according to 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old

things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

(2 Peter 3:9)

"If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

(2 Chronicles 7:13-14)

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. 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. 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.

(John 3:1-8)

We have to believe that Jesus Christ is, not was but is the son of God just like the eunuch did according to the holy scriptures found in the book of Acts 8:26-39. Now this was after the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ but yet after Philip preached unto the eunuch Jesus, after hearing the words of Philip, the eunuch believed that Jesus is the son of God.

In conclusion my brothers and sisters I encourage you all to do as it says in the HOLY SCRIPTURES according to Isaiah 55:6-7, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." For it says in Isaiah 30:21, "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." John 8:32 says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Revelation 2:4-5 & verse 7 says, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."