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We are Born again!

As Christians we are living a new life in Christ. People that lived before Jesus and died never were given an opportunity to live like we can because they were not born again. When Jesus came he opened up the greatest thing that ever has happened to mankind, other than Adam & Eve's life before they sinned. Let us look at what scripture shows us based on the subject of being born again.

John 3:1-10 KJV

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: [2] 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. [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. [9] Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? [10] Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

In this text Jesus was telling the whole world that a person can be born twice. The natural birth and the spirit birth. As Christians we are living out to lives the natural life and the spiritual life, the natural life, has a component of sin in it and the spiritual life is life of God's righteousness, now every born-again Christian can live the life of righteousness, and instead of the life of sin. But as long as we are in our physical bodies our body will try to

pull us over into living a sinful life but if we are focusing in on our new life in the spirit, we can shut down the sinful life of flesh. It's all about knowing yourself as the reborn person that you are, and not the sinner that Adam made you. I've watched people over many years, become Christians and start walking with the Lord and end up going back to a life of sin and the flesh. I believe the reason for this is because they never realized that they are a new person in Christ and they are not sinners anymore. Before Jesus came the law came to the Israelites, trying to force them to not live a life of sin and it did stop a lot of sin through the fear of being punished. But the law could not stop sin completely because the nature of sin was in the children of Israel. They hadn't been born again yet when Jesus came, he died for the sin, and then he gave people the right to receive a Righteous spirit. Now everyone that is born again doesn't have to live the life of sin anymore because they have a new righteousness nature instead of the old sinful nature. I believe the failure of people living out what God wants them to live is because they are trying to live the Christian life through their own flesh abilities, and not through their new birth and being connected to the Holy Spirit power. With the Holy Spirit we can stop the sinful nature of the flesh. I will close this newsletter with many scriptures that bear out what I shared with you. Study and you will see what I'm talking about.

Romans 3:19-20 KJV

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. [20] Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 6:6-14 KJV

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. [7] For he that is dead is freed from sin. [8] Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: [9] Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. [10] For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. [11] Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive

unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. [12] Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. [13] Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. [14] For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Galatians 2:19-21 KJV

For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. [20] 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. [21] I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Galatians 3:1-6 NLT

Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. [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. [3] How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? [4] Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it? [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. [6] In the same way, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."

I believe these scriptures will help you live a victorious life in Jesus if you get a revelation of them.

Love you,
Pastor Paul