

What Are We Missing?

In the book of Genesis, the Bible says that Adam and Eve had everything.

Nothing was lacking.

Nothing was broken.

Life with God was perfect and complete.

The lie that destroyed everything revolved around the idea that something was missing and mankind could find it and acquire it all by himself without God.

Well, Adam and Eve did find and acquire the missing piece, Sin and Death.

All of us are born searching for something that we know was lost.

We learn quickly that the joy of acquiring things and accomplishing things is never enough. Something is still missing, but what is it?

Nicodemus, the Knower, Missing Experience.

“Now there was a prominent religious leader among the Jews named Nicodemus, who was part of the sect called the Pharisees. One night he discreetly came to Jesus and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one performs the miracle signs that you do, unless God’s power is with him.” Jesus answered, “Nicodemus, listen to this eternal truth: Before a person can even perceive God’s kingdom, they must first experience a rebirth.” Nicodemus said, “Rebirth? How can a gray-headed man be reborn? It’s impossible for anyone to go back into the womb a second time and be reborn!” Jesus answered, “I speak an eternal truth: Unless you are born of water and the Spirit, you will never enter God’s kingdom. For the natural realm only gives birth to things that are natural, but the spiritual realm gives birth to supernatural life!

“You shouldn’t be amazed by my statement, ‘You all must be born from above!’ For the Spirit-Wind blows as it chooses. You can hear its sound, but you don’t know where it came from or where it’s going. So it is the same with those who are Spirit-born!” Nicodemus replied, “I don’t understand; what do you mean? How does this happen?” Jesus answered, “Nicodemus, aren’t you the respected teacher in Israel, and yet you don’t understand this revelation? I speak eternal truths about things I know, things I’ve seen and experienced—and still you don’t accept what I reveal. If you’re unable to believe what I’ve told you about the natural realm, what will you do when I begin to unveil the heavenly realm?”

John 3:1-12 TPT

-Not philosophy

-Not psychology

-Not theology

You can study God, learn about God from others, direct forms of worship toward God, and sacrifice in God's honor, but none of those things equals the experience of being supernaturally born of God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE RICH YOUNG RULER, THE DOER LACKING SURRENDER.

“Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ” And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.” Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack:

Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.”

Mark 10:17-22 NKJV

“It is impossible for a person to serve two masters at the same time. You will be forced to love one and reject the other. One master will be despised and the other will have your loyal devotion. Your choice between God and the wealth of this world is no different. You must enthusiastically love one and definitively reject the other.””

Luke 16:13 TPT

“What is missing in my experience?”

“What am I unwilling to surrender to God and it has truly become an idol in my life?”