

“My place of origin”,
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Last time I spoke, my scripture reference was 1 John 5:14-15

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14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

The main gist of my message was in the “knowing”; the intimacy of relationship with the Father. The confidence we have in Him that comes from the relationship we cultivate as we mature in the Lord. It takes time, energy, persistence and commitment. You get out of it what you put into it. He is there, no matter what, because He is our Father.

This morning I want to talk about us, we are the ones on the other end of the “knowing”, and I want to focus on the Hebrew mindset; the way God thinks (according to the Word of God). Hopefully today we can see things His way a little bit better. Ron talked about our relationship with the Lord last week, the extravagant devotion Mary had for the Lord and the relationship that came out of that. He encouraged us to do the same. Seek Him, find Him and dine with Him at the table of His presence.

I call this message , **“My place of origin”**, mainly because of the foundational scripture of the church; Romans 8:15:

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

Today I want to address these two concepts: the Hebrew mindset and where we come from. As I look around at society, speak with other leaders and intercessors in our state and other places, I see and hear that God is doing things His way, and not necessarily the way we might think He should do them. Go figure! When the Lord gave me this title, He gave me three points. I truly believe we can't accomplish what the Lord has commissioned us to do in the earth, if we continue to embrace the Greek mindset (that says, I can figure it out) and cast off what He is saying.

Points:

1. We are born in Life Representing Jesus (I am the way, the truth and the life)
2. We are born in Light Representing the Father (Father of lights)
3. We are born in Water Representing the Holy Spirit (born of water and spirit)

First I want to talk about being born and some of the things I didn't know until I started to study.

1. In Hebrew the heart of the word, BORN means: house; to build and to be brought into existence.
2. In Hebrew the word, LIFE means: awareness, existence, stomach and heart. (Food)
3. In Hebrew the word LIGHT means: direction and orientation. (OR)
4. In the Hebrew the word WATER means: water that flows, or water that is contained. Water contains bio-luminescence: life that makes light. (Myian-many sacred rituals associated with water)

So, if we just reflect a moment on these three concepts He gave me, we are more than able; by His grace, to be the sons of God in Romans 8:15 and live in our identity as our church name declares.

Remember the first thing He gave me was: Born in LIFE.

John 1:1-4

1 **In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

When we say, "In the beginning was the Word".....words are the beginning of every action. It doesn't matter what language you speak. Concepts based on what you see and hear; understand or whatever else are formed into ideas made up of words. **We are predestined by our Father to be conformed into the image of Jesus- the WORD-made out of the living letters of the WORD; our destiny scroll is "written" before we are born. Jesus is the words/ the Word in the foundation of who we are. Like in Genesis 1:1 "Let there be....." Let there be: Charlie, Let there be: Ron, Let there be me....." We are made up of the sum of the words Father God spoke into us: carefully woven together in our mother's womb.**

Psalms 139:13-16 For you created my inmost being; **you knit me together** in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (We were thought out, fitted together with skill, like a knitted sweater, perfectly made according to a per-determined pattern)

The second point He gave me was: We are born of LIGHT. Our Father, the Father of Lights has a path set out for us.

"Your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path".

Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet is a phrase from **Psalm 119:105** in the King James Version of the Bible¹². It means that God's word provides illumination and guidance for the way to walk in this world³⁴. It is part of a long acrostic poem that honors and proclaims the value of God's word³.

As we submit to His leadership, **He gives us direction and orientation.** (The very meaning of LIGHT). We have purpose! **Just like the old message Charlie taught on what wattage are you? What kind of light are you? If you didn't hear that message, look it up, it's encouraging.**

Some of you may already know this; there is a burst of light at conception. It is the light produced when the sperm penetrates the egg. **The flash of light comes from the mineral ZINC, which comes from the earth. (ADAM)**

Genesis 2:7

And the Lord God formed man of the **dust of the ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Here's the cool part!

When you spell out ZINC in Hebrew it spells: tzadi – bet – alef. And of course they read from right to left:

- 1. Alef: Unity and solidarity of God; heaven and earth. Fundamental image of beginnings. Affirms the formation of something from nothing.**
- 2. Bet: The principle letter in the story of creation. One maker delivering a made world. A house; a compartment or vessel.**
- 3. Tzadi: Upright individual. Loyal worker of the Lord. Communicator with arms lifted towards heaven.**

So, putting this all together from the very beginning of conception, **at the burst of light that brought us to life:**

- 1. We became, “Children of Light” Ephesians. 5:8**

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but **now are ye light in the Lord:** walk as children of light:"

- 2. We became evidence of the Father of Lights: James 1:17**

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

On to the last piece He gave me: We are born in water

Water in the Hebrew is called mayim. It means contained water and or flowing water. In the singular or in the plural sense.

A perfect picture of the natural process of birth. Typically a baby is contained in water for 9 months, then is released from the uterus by way of flowing water. In Hebrew meaning both singular and in the plural sense.

Living water is a phrase that appears eight times in the King James Version of the Bible¹. It means water that is alive, fresh, or flowing¹. Jesus used this phrase to describe the gift of God and the everlasting life that he offers to those who believe in him²³⁴⁵.

John 7:38 :

If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. **38He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** 39(But

He has told us we must be born of water and the spirit to enter the kingdom of heaven.....**John 3:5** KJV: 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. 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.

He washes us with the water/word of God **Ephesians 5:26**

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, “

The full circle of Hebraic thought is being born again. First born in heaven in the heart of our father, then being born on this earth naturally; ending with the rebirth that makes a way back to the Father: our point of origin.

We have the name our parents gave us; inspire by God , but we also have the names our Heavenly Father gives us. Here are only a few, there are so many more! (I want to pray these over you)

1. Light of the world: Matthew 5:14-16
2. Children of Light: Ephesians 5:8
3. Living Epistles: 2 Corinthians 3:2-4
4. Children of God: 1 John 3:1
5. Kings and Priests: Revelation 1:6
6. Reflection of His Glory: 2 Cor. 3:18

So, like Pastor Charlie says sometimes: “I'm all that and a bag of chips”! My challenge to myself and to all of you is: what are we doing with this light? This revelation of Jesus ? How are we fulfilling the Great Commission?

Some insight from the Apostolic-Prophetic council over our state:

1. God is doing a new thing- a complete over hauling of us as God's people, as intercessors, as sons and daughter's of God. New things, new strategies. Our time to be the ecclesia, with a Hebrew mindset:

Judges 11:24 “would you not possess what your god has dispossessed for you? So whatever the Lord our God takes possession of before us, we will possess.

2. Become who we really are and move forward, like I share earlier: Children of Light!

Do not rebel against what God is doing:

Numbers 14:9: “ Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread, their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them”. (kind of reminds me of your message about Zig-lag)

3. Discernment is key in this season. We don't want to be praying against something God is doing. God can use any situation for His glory. Get close like Mary of Bethany and the Apostle John so we are able to hear and move with His heartbeat.