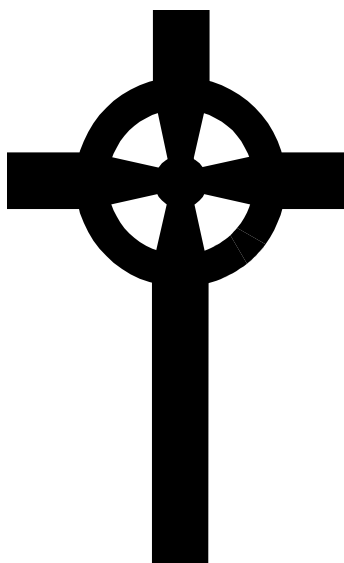


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Lesson 35

*The Giver of Spiritual Gifts...the Holy Spirit
Regeneration or Being "Born Again" Gives Us Eternal
Life & Much More*

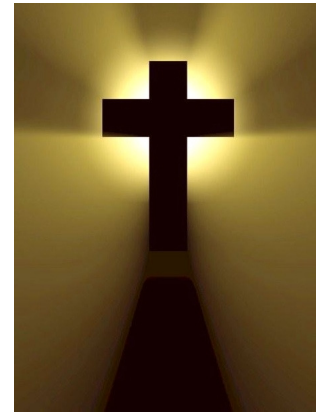


Sunday, March 27, 2011

1 John 5:11-12 "And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. (12) He who has the Son has eternal life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life."

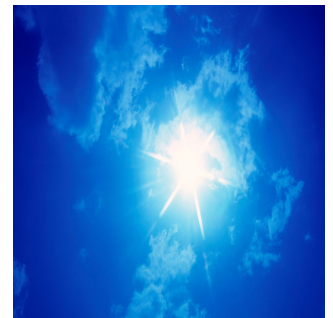
BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



Lesson

Hi kids. The lesson today is going to start right off by telling you that you have eternal life because the Bible tells you so in [John 20:31](#). "...but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have (eternal) life in his name." We've been studying regeneration or being "born again" so you will know for sure that you will be with our Lord, Jesus Christ forever in Heaven when you die or leave this earth in the Rapture. This happens because you have eternal life credited to or imputed to your human spirit at the very moment you believed in Jesus Christ as your Savior. The result or effect of regeneration is summed up in the fact that you DO POSSESS eternal life.



All other results of regeneration or being "born again" are actually an added bonus to the fact that you possess eternal life. In other words you get a whole package of these fantastic blessings the moment you are "born again" because you have eternal life in Christ. Certain qualities and privileges belong to anyone who is regenerated or "born again" during the Church Age. Let's look at them:

1. You have a human spirit that contains eternal life in Christ.
2. You are a child of God.
3. You are an heir of God and co-heir of Christ.
4. You have a new walk or a unique spiritual life that you completely understand through the Word of God and power from the Holy Spirit who also gives you the ability to live it the way God wants you to.
5. You have eternal security...you can NEVER lose your salvation.
6. You have a new nature.

As you see, kids, you who are Church Age believers, are totally blessed with these eternal blessings that you receive in Christ through the ministry of God the Holy Spirit. Wow, you get all this because you have eternal life. You get the divine new nature from God. [2 Cor 5:17](#) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation (nature or species). The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

You also have a functioning human spirit, and you are His child. YOU ARE GOD'S child in CHRIST!!!! That means you're his heir...you inherit all that is His!!! It doesn't get much better than that, kids. [Titus 3:5](#) "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal

of the Holy Spirit..." 1 Pet 1:23 "...since you have been born again, not of perishable (can die) seed but of imperishable (cannot die) , through the living and abiding word of God..."



Let's look at these passages in the Bible to see these wonderful gifts written down for us from God...PROOF we have them all.

2 Cor 5:16-17 "Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we no longer know Him in this way. (17) Therefore if anyone is in Christ (and you are when you believed in Him), he is a new creature (species or nature); the old things passed away (slavery to the old nature); behold, new things (all those blessings) have come."

Gal 6:14-15 "But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation." What Paul is saying here is that the world means nothing to him anymore since he knows what Jesus Christ provided for him in salvation...all those blessings we listed above. The Jews used to be circumcised at birth to show the world they were the chosen race...that doesn't mean anything to Paul anymore since he now has Christ as his Savior and that he is a brand new creation in Christ and no longer tied to the devil's world. He has all the blessings now and a new nature to enjoy them because of Christ!!!! He's so excited he shouts out that he has a NEW NATURE!!!!

Eph 4:22-24 "...that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self (the old sin nature), which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, (23) and that you be renewed in the Spirit of your mind, (24) and put on the new self (new divine nature), which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

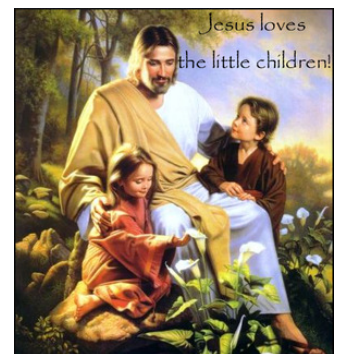
Col 3:9-10 "Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self (old sin nature) with its evil practices, (10) and have put on the new self (new nature) who is being renewed to a true knowledge (the Word of God) according to the image of the One (Jesus) who created him."

Just think how blessed you are. Did you know that the doctrine of individual regeneration or being "born again" spiritually was very unclear in the Old Testament, but in the New Testament it is spelled out very clearly for us? All believers, then, have divine Son-ship.

Gal 3:26 "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."

This is awesome, kids. This is yet another part of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in regeneration. It is the fact that the new believer is made a child of God and a joint-heir or co-heir with Christ so you can go directly to your heavenly Father for help.

Gal 4:6-7 "Because you are sons, God has sent forth the (Holy) Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" (7) Therefore you are no longer a slave (to your sin nature), but a son (of God); and if a son (of God), then an heir through God." Rom 8:14-17 "For all who are being led by the (Holy) Spirit of God, these are sons of God. (15) For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" (16) The (Holy) Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him." Do you realize what you have here? You inherit everything Christ inherits from His Father.



Did you notice that this inheritance has suffering attached to it? Don't worry now! If God can save you through Jesus Christ, He can deliver you through any kind suffering you may have in this world and we all will receive suffering because our Lord suffered and to be co-heirs with Him we may have to suffer some. The good news is He will carry us through and with the suffering never send us more than we can handle. You must understand this. I personally would rather suffer in this life and be happy and co-heirs with our Lord in Heaven forever especially when we know He will carry us through the suffering!!! By the way the suffering makes us stronger in and closer to Christ. Good thing all around...right?

In closing our lesson today, there are five facts concerning the nature of our regeneration or being "born again" spiritually in the Church Age that need to be learned completely. Are you with me? Are you willing to learn them and master them in this life? I pray you do...be winners for Christ okay? Here they are:

1. At the moment of salvation, God the Holy Spirit creates a human spirit for the believer.
2. God the Father imputes or credits eternal life to the human spirit of the new believer.
3. God the Father becomes the believer's legitimate Father.
4. All believers are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.
5. The Church Age believer is given a new divine nature, and is made a new spiritual species. NEWS FLASH!!! You don't become God! You only share in His nature...so don't get any crazy ideas okay? ☺



Remember on our part...on the human side...regeneration or being "born again" spiritually carries a condition which means that the person who hears the gospel and says "yes" to it is justified or saved simply by faith alone in Christ alone...no human works involved at all. [John 1:12-13](#) "But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." [Gal 3:26](#) "...for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith (in Christ)." [1 Peter 1:3-5](#) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope (confidence in the fact that we will be with God forever in Heaven because of Jesus) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable (cannot die) and undefiled (no bad things) cannot and will not fade away (will never end), reserved in heaven for you, (5) who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Close in prayer.

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