

God's Wonderful Words of Life Series by D. Lavell Lee

Message Two

- **Born Again of God, Regeneration by God**
- **John 3:3-8, Eph. 2:1, Titus 3:4-7**

Joh 3:3-8 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.

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Tit 3:4-7 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Salvation comes to a person by way of that person being spiritually born into the family of God through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for his sins.

FIRST The natural man does not have spiritual understanding concerning the spiritual realm of God. The natural man is an unsaved person.

Joh 3:3 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.

This is what Jesus apparently meant in declaring to Nicodemus that “**Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” This truth is further taught in the following passage of scripture.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

SECOND The natural man cannot enter the kingdom of God apart from a spiritual birth by God

Joh 3:5 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.

THIRD When the natural (unsaved) man comes to God in humble repentance for his sins and places his faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For his sins, he receives a spiritual birth from God.

Joh 1:11-13 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

1. The spiritual birth is not hereditary, or of human descent “**Not of blood**”
2. The spiritual birth is not by self effort or desire “**Nor of the will of the flesh**”
3. The spiritual birth is not by human design “**Nor of the will of man**”
4. The spiritual birth is by the direct action of God “**But of God**”

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit

5. The spiritual birth comes by the sinner receiving Jesus Christ into his own heart “**As many as received him**”

1Jo 5:9-13 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. 10 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. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

6. The spiritual birth comes by the authority of God “**To them gave he power (legal authority)**”

7. The spiritual birth makes one a child of God **“To them gave he power to become the sons of God”**

8. The spiritual birth comes by faith in Jesus Christ and his sacrifice on the sinners' behalf **“Even to them that believe on his name”**

Joh 3:16 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.

9. The spiritual birth gives one spiritual life, the very life of God

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

1Jo 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

10. The spiritual life of God is eternal, it never ends

Joh 3:16 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.

Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

1Jo 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

11. The spiritual life of God gives one the comforting sense of being a child of God

Rom 8:14-16 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 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. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

12. The spiritual life of God gives one an eternal heavenly inheritance with Jesus Christ

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

Eph 1:10-12 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13. The spiritual life of God gives one spiritual understanding of things pertaining to God

1Co 2:10-13 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we

have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Born again by God himself with the very life of Jesus Christ into the family of God. What a tremendous blessing and privilege. What a great scope for this privilege is available to the entire human race and is effective in all who place their faith in the saving power of God. We receive a brand new start in life which embraces an entirely new purpose and focus for life which is to bring glory and honor to God and culminates in a new destiny, an eternal future life in the presence and fellowship of God. Hallelujah, and amen! Thank you Lord Jesus!

Sinner, we invite you to be saved right this very moment.

Rom 10:8-13 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; 9 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. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 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. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.