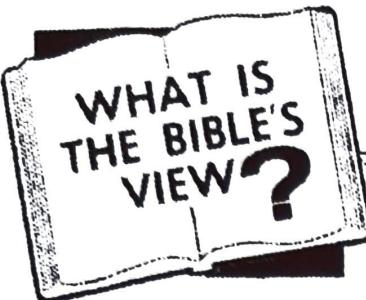


# Must you be born again ?



► (JOHN 3:1-12)

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told you earthly things and yet you do not believe, how will you . . . ?"

## The Good News

Dear Witness,

Have YOU heard the Good News? Are YOU really informed?

If you are . . . you must know, that God has started a NEW CREATION (2. Cor 5:17), for God was tired of the old, sinful world. Are YOU aware that this New Order, or . . . "God's NEW CREATION", as the Bible calls it . . . is a spiritual Kingdom? It is NOT of this world' (John 18:36). The Bible tells us, that it is a progressive Kingdom, turning from SPIRITUAL to LITERAL. From invisible to visible!

Do you know who was the very first ONE born into this SPIRITUAL KINGDOM of God? The Bible calls Jesus the FIRST-BORN and KING of God's New Kingdom (Col 1:18). He is the exalted King, enthroned ever since His resurrection. (Acts 2:33, Mt. 16:28). This is the Good News . . . that God invites all men of willing hearts to turn to the King Jesus in faith. Jesus gives the right . . . to all who receive Him, to be born into this Kingdom and to become children of God (John 1:12-13).

God's Good News of TODAY is that, "He delivered us from the authority of darkness and transferred us into (the spiritual) Kingdom of the Son of His love, by whom we have our release (from this fallen world) by ransom, the forgiveness of sins." (Col 1:13-14). Note God's FACTS:

## Your Sins NOT forgiven

YOUR sins are NOT forgiven until God transfers the believer (by means of Faith) into the Kingdom of His Son. You MUST become a member, you must be BORN into this Kingdom! There is no release from SIN outside of this Kingdom! Unless YOU, dear

Friend, enter this Kingdom spiritually you are NOT delivered, you remain in Satan's Kingdom, which is THIS World. Unless you are joined to Jesus spiritually in His now invisible Kingdom (the TRUE CHURCH). you stand condemned before Jehovah! Why?

Remember the Fall in Eden . . . and how man lost fellowship with God? Only by arrangement through the Levitical priest-class was corporate worship possible at the time of the appearance of our Lord Jesus. Before the coming of our Lord Jesus, man could not turn to God and be saved eternally. Man was a sinner by inheritance, a descendant of Adam, condemned before Jehovah. Worse, he was spiritually dead, unable to communicate with God. Our Lord expressed this fact saying, "let the dead (in spirit) bury the dead." (Mt. 8:21-22).

## You are dead

Every one born of a woman is born dead! You are dead! You are a walking corpse! Why; Because you are a sinner, without the life of God in you! This is the POSITION every man finds himself in . . . "spiritually dead" . . . until he discovers Jesus of Nazareth. At the beginning of our Christian life we are concerned with our DOING, not with our BEING; we are distressed by what we have DONE . . . not by what we ARE! We think, if we rectify certain things, we should be acceptable to God . . . and we set out to change our actions. But the RESULT is not what we expected. We discover, that it is something more than just a case of trouble on the outside . . . there is more serious trouble on the inside. We try to please God, but something WITHIN . . . does not want to please Him. We try to be humble and loving, but there is something in our very being, that refuses to be humble and loving.

In despair we say, "Lord, I see now! . . . Not only what I have **done** is wrong; I am wrong . . . my whole nature is wrong." Slowly Romans 5:19 dawns on you. "We are sinners, we are members of a people, who are constitutionally other than what God intended them to be." By the Fall, a fundamental change took place in the character of Adam, whereby he became a sinner, one unable to please God; in his likeness, **we too** are sinners by substance **passed on** to us. How did this come about? "By the disobedience of one man" says the apostle. It is not just because I individually have sinned, that I am a sinner, but because I was **in** Adam when he sinned! Because by birth I come from . . . Adam, therefore I am part of him, and I can do **NOTHING** to alter this! I cannot, by improving my behaviour, make myself other than a part of Adam, and so I remain a sinner **in and through** him. Do you see the problem? Our life comes from Adam. And that **LIFE** has to be changed!

Never can we in the flesh of Adam worship Jehovah, the Father in . . . **SPIRIT** and **TRUTH**. Why? Because God is **HOLY**. He cannot deal with anything less than perfect! (Mt. 5:48). Unless man is restored to spiritual life, he cannot approach . . . nor worship the Father in **SPIRIT** and **TRUTH**. Our Lord clearly declares, "that which is born of flesh is flesh" (John 3:6).

### The Flesh

What is the meaning of the '**Flesh**'? At times scripture is referring to our own physical body. Jesus came in the physical body. 'The Word became flesh.' However, to the Romans, Paul says, "But you are **NOT** in the **Flesh**, you are in the **Spirit** . . ." (Rom 8:9). Certainly the Romans were in the physical body, but Paul insists, "you are **NOT** in the **flesh** . . .", meaning that the Romans through the transforming power of the **Spirit of God in them**, had lost their natural selfish inclinations. They could give up **SELF . . . their Will . . .** for God's Will. By the new power of Christ living in them this change was possible (Rom 8:1-2). Throughout Scripture these natural selfish inclinations of our nature, like greediness, desire etc., are called '**the FLESH**'. We cannot **in ourselves** overcome this '**FLESH**'. If you pretend you can overcome the '**flesh**' by means of your **own discipline**, the truth (= Christ) is not in you; you make Him a liar, for you show that you have **no need** of Him (1. John 1:7-10, 1. John 2:15-17).

### NO Worship . . . unless

There is **no way** for a man to worship the Father . . . unless he is 'born-again' by the Spirit of Christ. **For this very reason . . .** the last Adam **became** a life-giving Spirit." (1. Cor 15:45). Unless Christ by His Spirit **imparts** life to man he remains in the '**Flesh**', in Adam, sinful in the eyes of Jehovah! Christ came to set you free (of Adam) by bearing your sins. He was resurrected to **impart** life to you, pouring upon the believer His Holy Spirit (John 1:33, John 7:39, Ephes 2:1, 5). In His love for you, the **Word** (= Christ) came and dwelt among . . . the dead. ". . . the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live." (John 5:25). "And you **he made** alive, when you **were dead** through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked . . ." (Ephes 2:1-2,5).

### The New Creation

Do you now understand the divine reason for the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus? His death . . . to pay for man's sin. His resurrection . . . to impart His Spirit for the New Life. ". . . because I live, you will live also." (John 14:19) (by means of my Spirit). God is not out to reform our life as the Watchtower teaches. It is not His aim to bring that life back as before the Fall. God is **ruling out** the dire possibility for man to stumble again . . . and perish eternally. "Look! I am making all things **New**." (Rev 21:5). God wants a **NEW MAN**; one born **anew . . . born of God** (Jn 1:12-13, Jn 3:1-12, 2. Cor. 5:17, 1. Pet 1:23, Titus 3:4-8). God started His **NEW CREATION . . .** in Christ, with the resurrection of our Lord. And the believer is spiritually resurrected with Him, says God in Ephes. 2:5-6. The believers are **merged** spiritually to Christ by faith and find themselves in Christ **by experience**, becoming His Body, the True Church. They are born anew, born into a spiritual sphere, into God's domain. "If any man be **in Christ Jesus**, he is a **NEW CREATION**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2. Cor. 5:17).

### The New Man

In Christ we become '**spiritual men**' as outlined in 1. Cor. 2:10-16. By divine act we have been transferred into the Kingdom of God (Col 1:13-14). Once in the Kingdom this is the law, "reckon yourselves to be dead unto sin (unto the old Adam), but alive unto God in Christ Jesus." (Rom 6:11). "Because we **KNOW** that our old nature was impaled with Him . . ." (Rom 6:6) . . . we are dead

unto sin." Praise to God, our 'old man' has been crucified with Christ. God puts every true believer into Christ . . . and crucified Him (Isa 53:10) as the LAST ADAM . . . and thus all that is of Adam has passed away. Here are some FACTS of the Kingdom : "Flesh and blood (of Adam) cannot inherit God's Kingdom (1. Cor 15:50), therefore God changes Adam into a spiritual man (1. Cor 2:10-16). He puts His treasure (Christ) into the earthen vessel (2. Cor. 4:7, 11). Christ lives in man (Gal 2:20). Through this New Man, Christ recovers what was lost (Luke 19:10). 'Do business till I come' (Luke 19:13). At His second coming in POWER He changes His lowly disciple into the New Body, perfecting him, to be like Him. (1. Cor 15:51-57, 2. Cor 3:18, 1. Thess 4:13-18). Therefore Paul prays, ". . . may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound . . . at His coming." (1. Thess 5:23). For then the true disciple will be revealed; ". . . behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and (they shall) learn that I have loved you." (Rev 3:9). Thus the manifestation of the sons of God has come about (Rom 8:19).

The Kingdom has then turned from SPIRITUAL to LITERAL, from invisible to visible !

### Who . . . shall never die ?

Dear Friend, you may have the form, the husk, the skin and the shell of religion, but you have not got the substance and the life. You may enjoy great light and knowledge in the Watchtower, but if you do not belong to the body of Christ, your 'light', and 'knowledge' and 'privileges' will not save your soul. Alas, for the ignorance that prevails on this point. Men fancy if they join an organization and live up to certain set rules, that all must be right with their souls. It is an utter delusion; it is a gross mistake ! Jesus preached "The appointed time (for the Kingdom to be opened) has been fulfilled, the Kingdom is at hand . . ." (Mark 1:15, Luke 17:20-21). When I surrender my life . . . it is open to man. What Grace and Love ! In and through Christ, who is the door (Jn 10:7-9) we enter God's Kingdom in Faith. ". . . and no one who is alive and has faith shall ever die." (Jn 11:26) (denied by the WT, but YOU trust Jesus !)

### Salvation can be yours

Do you really want salvation ? Dear Friend, there is nothing for you to do, but come to Christ, your Saviour . . . and receive Him in faith ! "But to him that worketh NOT, but believeth on Him (Christ), that justifieth the ungodly, his faith (in Christ) is

counted for righteousness." (Rom 4:5). He that believeth on the Son hath EVERLASTING LIFE : and he that believeth NOT the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36). Not by joining a religious organization will you receive life . . . but by letting Jesus come into your heart, that you may be cleansed and receive FORGIVENESS (before the Father). 'Come to me' . . . for life . . . and you shall have life abundantly ! Lovingly He warns, "Except you believe that I am HE (who gives life), you shall die in yours sins." (John 8:24). "This is the work that God requires: trust (for all things) in the ONE whom He has sent." (John 6:29). Could God speak more clearly ? God asks you to come to Jesus . . . and to trust Jesus. Jesus is waiting at the door of your heart saying, "Behold, I stand at the door . . . and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into Him . . ." (Rev. 3:20). Are YOU ready to trust Him to be the WAY for your personal Salvation . . . and for EVERLASTING LIFE ? Invite Him now ! "The Spirit (of Christ) alone gives life; the Flesh is of no avail." (John 6:63). "Except a man be born again (by the Spirit of Christ) he cannot see (nor enter) the Kingdom of God." (John 3:1-12). By what means are YOU, dear Friend going to enter the Kingdom ? . . . Unless you have felt the supernatural hand of the living God—and let His Spirit touch your spirit—and thus receive the inner witness of eternal life, it is all talk and teaching, a doctrine of men ! You cannot come to God, unless you come to Jesus FIRST ! (Luke 10:22, John 14:6, John 1:12-13). Jesus bore our sins in meekness and agony, and as you, in true brokenness, go to Him and confess them, and put your faith in His blood and in NOTHING else, they are cleansed and gone. Jesus enters your life and peace with God comes into your heart. Paul says of this blessed state, "So there is now no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus, for the Power of the Life-giving Spirit — and this power is mine through Christ — has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death." (Rom 8:1-2 LB). No condemnation ! That is . . . no judgement for those who belong to Jesus !

### Get out of Adam

We can change our parentage by faith. We can get out of Adam into Christ Jesus. Jehovah has provided a change in parentage . . . in Christ we become reborn. What we cannot do for ourselves, God has done for us . . . if we accept His Gift (Christ) by Faith. "Of God Himself are ye in Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from

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## Get into Jesus

God, both righteousness and sanctification and redemption." (1. Cor. 1:30). In simple words: God gives YOU the righteousness and holiness of Jesus, who becomes your salvation. It is not left to us to devise a way of entry into Christ or work it out by being good. God Himself purposed it . . . and performed it.

If you truly desire Peace with God and Forgiveness, you must be joined to Jesus by Faith. "For there is Salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). Let your heart speak and ask Jesus today to be your SIN-bearer and Lord of your life and he will come into your heart just as He promised. (Rev. 3:20). Bend your knee . . . and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Phil. 2:10-11). Only THIS WAY will you give Glory to Jehovah! Hold this in faith, praise God for it . . . and you will receive the New Birth . . . "the Gift of God which is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23). When you give yourself to Christ this will happen: Your mind will be opened to Scripture; His promise to the disciple (Luke 24:45). Passages never understood now come alive. Your prayer will be a new experience. There will be a deep witness in you. Many receive a supernatural experience when the Lord touches them. The touch of God becomes the MOST exciting and elevating moment known to mortals! YOU will make a NEW DISCOVERY! Together with the apostle Paul and millions of Christians you will know, ". . . it is no longer I but Christ who lives in ME; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by trusting the Son of God, who loved me and gave HIMSELF for ME." (Gal. 2:20). Brought to new life you will now be able to worship the Father in . . . Spirit and Truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him (John 4:23). Dear Witness, there is NO WORSHIP except you have the SPIRIT OF CHRIST praying in you, and there is NO TRUTH apart from JESUS CHRIST. "I am THE TRUTH . . . no man cometh unto the Father but by me (John 14:6). The 'unspeakable Gift' of God – JESUS CHRIST – is available to everyone who is truly in love with the Bridegroom. Jesus, the Bridegroom says, ". . . and the man who comes to me I will NEVER turn away." (John 6:37).



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