

Born Again ... As Newborn Babes

- *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 **having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 1Pet. 1:22-24***
- *Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 **as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,** 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 1Pet. 2:1-3*
- More than a Figure ... A Spiritual Reality!

A New Creation ... Put on New Man

- *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is **a new creation**; **old things have passed away**; behold, **new things have come**. 2 Cor 5:17-18*
- Old things pass away
- New things have come.
- But they require our active participation and work.
- *that **YOU PUT OFF**, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that **YOU PUT ON** the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Eph. 4:22-24*

We are Changing our Spiritual Father

- *I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father." 39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father — God." 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. In 8:38-43*

We All Did the Desires of the Devil...

- You are of **your father the devil**, and the **desires of your father you want to do**. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because **there is no truth in him**. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. [Jn 8:44](#)
- As he did to Eve he has done to all.
- God's word has been set aside and the lusts that they forbid replaced them.
- Growing from the old man to the new man is the process of setting aside the old ways we see things and seeing them after the new man.

The Process in Corinth

- The Corinthians manifested a stunted growth.
- They could not be treated as spiritual people. yet.
- *And I, brethren, **could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.** 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 For where there are **envy, strife, and divisions among you**, are you not **carnal and behaving like mere men?** 1 Cor 3:1-3*
- They were still of “*your father the devil.*”
- They were still doing his will and not God’s

From Start to Finish ... Beginning to End

- *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for **the equipping of the saints** for the **work of ministry**, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should **no longer be children**, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, Eph. 4:11-16*
- The gifts Christ gave to the church were given to help those who were born again to move from one father to another.

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- *but, **speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — 16** from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*
Eph 4:11-16
- It requires our active participation. We have to be involved in this work or it will fail.
- The more involved we are the faster we grow to become the children of God in attitude and demeanor not just in grace.

A well Deserved Rebuke

- *we have much to say, and hard to explain, since **you have become dull of hearing**. 12 For **though by this time you ought to be teachers**, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; **and you have come to need milk and not solid food**. 13 For everyone who partakes **only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe**. 14 But **solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil**. Heb 5:11-14*
- Just like all children in school, there are benchmarks at the end of each year to determine if they go ahead.

The Process Described

- Test yourself with this sermon
- *So then, my beloved brethren, **let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. **But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*****

James 1:19-20

- Test yourself with all future sermons
- When we see things as the devil portrays them
- The preacher is revealing how God made them.
- Our response shows who our true father is.

Our Father = Our Destiny

- *All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Matt 25:32-35*
- *"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: Matt 25:41-42*

Growing into Eternity

- *We are now children of God!*
- *Not yet revealed*
- *what we shall be*
- *when He is revealed,*
- *we shall be like Him,*
- *for we shall see Him as He is 1Jn 1:2-3*