

# **BORN AGAIN**

## **HOW can a man be physically born again...**

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### **1. GREETING**

It is such a blessing for me to minister the Gospel of Grace to you! This is just what it is all about... talking about the gospel of Jesus and experiencing His life.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you with the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is awesome to see the growth that there is in your lives. We can see that by your reaction on Facebook and your writings to our office and just how you answer questions and just seeing how you are maturing in your understanding in the Gospel over the years. It is awesome!

I'm learning more and more every day as I look upon the finished work of Jesus Christ and what He has accomplished in His death and resurrection.

### **2. PRAYER**

Father, I want to thank You that we can be together today and slot in as a Web family around Your gospel, around the truth of Your Word. Thank You so much for loving on us! Thank You so much for caring for us where You have come to wash us from all unrighteousness, present us holy and blameless in the resurrection where we can share in what You have done for us and the wonderful hope You have given humanity.

Holy Spirit, thank You for speaking powerfully through me today. I just want to minister a word that is so accurate to everyone's heart in what they need to hear today. Thank You, Lord! Amen

### **3. COMMUNION**

**Romans 1:16** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ* (For those of you who hear my messages regularly, you will know what the Gospel of Christ means. It means that it is the Good News that Jesus is the Christ, the Lord, the Deliverer, that was raised from the dead. So what Paul is saying here is he says, "For I am not ashamed of the Good News that Jesus was raised from the dead and that He is revealed as The Christ.): *for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

He is saying, "I am not ashamed of the message that Jesus was raised from the dead and revealed to be the Christ, for this message, the fact that Jesus was raised from the dead, is the true declaration of God's power to saving people from sin and death." That is what he is saying. He is basically saying, "I am not ashamed of the good news that Jesus was raised from the dead for this message, believed, saves people from the fruit of the flesh and death." That is what he is saying.

Then he goes on and says that this is true for the Jew as well as the Greek. He says, ***17 For therein*** (in this resurrection message, in the message of the Good News that Jesus was raised from the dead) ***is the righteousness (or the equitable character) of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.***

So, there is a message that Jesus was raised from the dead which people believed. They believed that He was raised from the dead. This is preached. Now those who hear this believe it. So it is from faith to faith... we have the faith that Jesus was raised from the dead and the faith that we will be raised. That is preached to people and now they have faith in their hearts...***God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*** In other words, you have faith that Jesus was raised from the dead and that is why you also have a persuasion in your heart that you will be raised from the dead for ***The just shall live*** (have life) ***by faith.***

I want to say this and this is where we get Communion: Jesus Christ had to enter into death. When He entered into death God gave Him as a sacrifice. That doesn't mean that God demanded a sacrifice. We demanded a sacrifice. We needed someone to sacrifice something or offer something up, yield something, give something over, in order for us to be helped.

It's like someone drowning out in the ocean. If I see that someone is drowning and I decide that I am going to save that person's life, what is actually happening is I say to my wife, "That person is drowning and I am going to save him." She says, "Go! Save him!" What she is actually doing is she is actually sacrificing me. She is giving me up for the deliverance of someone else because of a dangerous situation I can even lose my own life.

So, what it talks about when we take the Communion is we are celebrating and we are reminded of the death of Jesus, which to us because we also know of His resurrection, reminds us of the victory that Jesus Christ had over death. Now we believe that He was raised and we also believe that we shall be raised for it is written, "The just shall have life, or resurrection life, by trusting, relying, upon God and not in his own works.

If we take the Communion and we look at the body of Jesus, there are so many things we can say about this, but today we are reminded of the fact that Jesus died and that He rose again and that He gave His life. He gave His life as a sacrifice, sacrificially in that sense, to enter into the fullness of our death so that in His resurrection we can have faith that we shall live by His doing. Glory to God! Amen!

Father, I want to thank You for Jesus. I want to thank You for what You have made available for us in Your body and in Your blood. Thank You for the passion that You have for humanity. Amen

## 4. TODAY'S MESSAGE

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Today I am going to talk about what it means to be born again but we are going to do this whole teaching in the light of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I believe that is the true perspective of this message. I have preached many messages on what it means to be born again. As one's understanding broadens and as you see what it is all about, it's almost like your understanding broadens but it narrows down to one point. I've come to see that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is what it is all about. The new creation is what it is all about. That is what God has come to bring to us. We are going to look at the message that is foundational to all Pentecostal Charismatic churches in such a great way where we believe that we need to have a born again experience. There was a time when you were lost and one day you called upon the name of the Lord and you became born again... something happened... something changed. .

I remember that I preached, for many, many years, that you must be born again and I still believe that. That has not changed but the perspective wherein it was preached was not in what I am going to explain to you today. It wasn't with this understanding, although it was true, that unless a person is born again that he will not be able to see the kingdom of God. There are different views about this. The one view is that every individual must be born again. Then there is another view where it says that everybody will be born again in one day and it is basically is a realization of your new birth. I do believe in both of them. I believe that there was a global new birth that took place in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and that every individual is then born again in his life from that truth. We are going to look at that in depth.

Before we get into that I want to just talk a little bit about the extraordinary love that God has for us. One might say, "Bertie, you know that I can already feel that this message is challenging. It is going to challenge what I believe about this. Why should we go through all of this change? Why should we go into all this renewal of the mind or understanding of the mindset that God has made available?" It's simply because of this: GOD LOVES YOU! He loves people with everything that is within Him.

I am going to read **Luke 15:1** in English and then I'm going to read it in the Afrikaans and give you a direct translation out of the Afrikaans and what this means.

***1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.*** What that verse says in the English is really not as closely powerful, remotely powerful, as what is said in the Afrikaans translation. This basically says the publicans and the sinners came to Jesus to listen to what He has to say. You almost get the idea of a one time event but the Afrikaans says it differently.

***En al die tollenaars en sondaars het die gewoonte gehad om na Hom te kom en na Hom te luister.***

It means, "And all the tax collectors and the sinners had the custom to go to Jesus and listen to Him."

Now, that is much different!

When we talk about a custom, we are talking about people that feel safe in the presence of someone else. If we now go to Luke 15:2 I believe that, in the English, it confirms the accuracy of the Afrikaans because of the kind of a complaint that was brought in by the Pharisees,

***2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receives sinners, and eats with them.***

It talks about a meal that was prepared and then people that is received by Jesus. So, the feeling I get was that Jesus invited these people over to His house and He received them. It wasn't that they received Him. In other words He didn't go to their house and eat with them. He received them. In other words, He said, "I welcome you. Come to Me." And He would prepare a meal for them. I'm sure He would have some wine and some food there prepared perfectly for tax collectors and sinners. Then He would minister to them and speak to them.

It says that they drew near to Him and they had the custom to go to Him and to listen to Him So what was Jesus busy doing when He was talking to these tax collectors and the sinners? What was He trying to do? He was trying and He was speaking words that could change their mind about God and about who they are. That changing of the mind about God and who they are would be called repentance. He wanted repentance for them. He offered them repentance. He came and showed them the very face of God... who God really is. That is what He came to do. We can see that He loved them and in His love for them, He spoke to them so that words spoken, their hearts could be convinced of truth. As their hearts would be convinced of truth, we know that the next thing that is going to happen is the truth would forgive them, or deliver them, from what binds them and destroys their lives.

We see that God really loves people and people love to be in the presence of Jesus. And Jesus made an effort, if you want to use that word, to teach people, to speak to them, to declare to them certain logic and truth and messages. He didn't just come and have a party and that was all. No! He gave them a meal but inside that meal, in that time, was a time of teaching, a time of speaking. Why? Because through speaking and teaching which is in line with truth, a person's heart gets persuaded and he starts to believe. As he starts to believe, the truth spoken is born into him and then he is born from the truth that is spoken. So, we see that He loves us! I want to say to you that are hearing this... maybe you are hearing it for the first time: YOU ARE DEEPLY LOVED BY GOD! The reason why God has anything to do with you is because of His relentless love and His great work to preserve your life that your life will not be lost but that you will be saved and live forever with Him.

One of the meanings of the word, repentance, is to think with God or to have the same goal as what God has. It is basically to see God's goal for your life and to think that as the only truth about you. The moment you realize what God's goal with your life is and you believe upon that goal, you truly repented.

What is God's goal? The moment I say to you, "God's goal with your life", one can think, "Well, I need to be a doctor. Another one will say, "I need to be an athlete." Another one might say, "I need to be a mother raising my kids." You want to define your goal in life by what you do in this life to basically make money. I want to tell you that we cannot define the goal God that has with us in this life by what we do for a living.

The goal that God has for you, and I want to put this foundation so clear because it will help you to understand the message, the goal that God has with man is to take a being and grant to him what only God has. There is one thing that God has that no other being has and that is eternal existence. I don't want to use the term, eternal life because there is too much religion around that. There is too much legalism around that and preconceived ideas when I say eternal life. I want to say, eternal existence.

The only being that has eternal existence is the almighty God! He is the only immortal, the only undying, the only one without a beginning and without end. What God has dreamt and what His goal is with man, is to create in us or make us share in that in granting us eternal existence so that He can expand and grow and basically duplicate, multiply, who and what He is and so manifest Himself for who He truly is which is a family orientated Being. God wants a family... the family of the immortal or the family of those who have eternal existence This eternal existence is not only found in unending time, if we can even use the word time, but it is also found in a certain quality of life. That quality of life has attributes called love and peace and joy of which the greatest is love. That is what it has.

So, what God wanted to do, what His goal is with your life, is to bring forth who and what He is, which is the rarest thing there is, which is God and what only He possesses. He possesses eternal existence and He wants to bring that forth inside mortal people that they will not be mortal but immortal share in His quality of life having a relationship and friendship with the Almighty God! That is what His dream is for us and that is how much He loves us. What He wants us to do is to repent because the moment we repent we will share in that life. When we have a change of mind, when we believe upon the goal that He has for us, then we will not be working our own goal and our own ability any more but we will actually then appropriate what He has given. That will then bring forth what He has dreamt for us.

**Luke 3:3** *And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;*

We see that John the Baptist, and Jesus did the same thing, preached repentance for the remission of sins. So what repentance would have as a fruit is the remission of sin. When you see remission of sins in a legal sense, you will see it as a judge sitting there and saying, "Well, you are not guilty anymore." But, that is not what that means.

I love that song that says you are not guilty anymore especially if you interpret it from the perspective of people who have felt guilty all their life and now they can say, "Now, I realize I don't feel this guilt anymore. I used to carry this guilt but now I realize that I basically have never been guilty. I've been oppressed of the devil. I have been oppressed by the oppressor and bound in a bondage where I could never be free and one of the emotions of that bondage was guilt. But I'm not guilty anymore because I have realized the truth. I don't walk with guilt anymore. So when it talks about the remission of sins here, it doesn't talk about not being guilty anymore.

That word, remission, there, or forgiveness, simply means to set free from a jail or to set from out of bondage. So, as an introduction to this message, I want to say this: God loves you so much that He would go and prepare a meal for you so that He can get your attention so that He can speak to you and share words with you. Words that can cause your mind to think differently about who you are and about who God is and about why you are here. For, in a change of that mindset, He can, by His ability, actually set you free from the jail of guilt and hatred and bitterness and fear for not having money, fear for not living in this world in a way where you can have joy and peace because of what the world has preached to us --- what we need to have to be happy.

So, here we see that he came and preached repentance which will result into deliverance.

**Mark 2:17** *When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

What He is doing is He is actually saying that man's mind was sick with what he believed about God and himself. He likens repentance here with someone who is sick, and that needs healing.

All that He wants is: “I have come to call sinners unto repentance. I've come to get people to have a change of mind and have them see the goal that God had with them.”

So I want to say to you that this message that I'm preaching to you today, what is in my mind for you, for today, is so that you can experience the goal that God had with you from the beginning. Since I believe that the goal that God has with man, or for man, from the beginning, is eternal existence or eternal life, I have to explain to you John, chapter 3, and the new birth, as what I believe Jesus said there so that we can experience that which God has really given to us.

Remember what we said in the Communion: The just shall live by faith. The just shall have life by faith. And now, just before that in verse 16, Paul writes that he is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ which means the Good News that Jesus was raised from the dead. He is not ashamed of the Good News that Jesus was raised from the dead because through this righteous act of God and through His righteous act can be manifested towards us as it is written: The just shall live by faith. So it is from faith to faith. In other words, we believe that Jesus was raised from the dead and then from that persuasion we are also persuaded that we shall be raised from the dead for the just shall not have eternal existence, or eternal life, by their works --- by the works of the Law or their “holy” deeds but by relying upon God. Because God has granted and given the eternal life to us we will have the fruit of that eternal life which is, then, good works or what Paul calls the fruit of the Spirit.

**1 Peter 1:**

***3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,***

***4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you***

What is he saying here? He says that blessed be the God and Father. Let us talk well about God the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, who through His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a new and living hope. What is the living hope? The living hope is Jesus Himself, who Jesus is as a living human being seated at the right hand of the Father, is the hope that we have. God has now, in Christ, begotten us again so that we could now have an expectation of a resurrection.

When Adam sinned, man was begotten unto not a living hope but a sure death... “Surely you will die!” When Adam sinned, through his disobedience, what man could expect inside the works of the law and trying to have life by his own works, is death. But, now in the resurrection of Jesus, He has changed everything and He has begotten us unto a new hope. What he is actually saying there is that He has created, He has changed, the destiny of man. Where we could only expect death, now, by the resurrection of Jesus, we can have a brand new life, a life where we can expect resurrection. This happened when Jesus was raised from the dead. That talks about a kind of global born again that takes place there. It talks about a new hope which is for whosoever believes upon Him. That means that Jesus was raised for all people but whosoever believes this resurrection, he finds a brand new life.

So when Jesus was raised up, the whole world was put into a place where they all, now, can have an expectation of eternal life. Those who put their expectation on this resurrection cease from their own works which killed them and they receive that life.

**1Peter 1:**

***23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever.***

***24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower thereof falls away:***

***25 But the word of the Lord endures for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.***

What is he saying here? He is saying that we are born again or we have a new life today. You need to understand that I am just addressing what we would call an experience of something new today. I'm still coming to what this real birth actually is. This is all of us. We accept Jesus and everything becomes new. I'm born again. That's what I'm addressing here. When you really understand the resurrection and you believe upon that resurrection, from that resurrection life you experience a new life now because God has given us a new destiny. As we believe upon this truth we experience this truth.

**Verse 23: *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever.*** When it says that, it doesn't mean that the bible will abide forever. My bible will not abide forever. It is falling apart with use. The Bible will not abide forever. The Word, the Gospel that was preached which is Jesus is raised and through His resurrection was a message preached that you can have the same resurrection in Him. That Word will abide forever! The physical resurrected Jesus and the message of life for people can never change and we are born of the revelation of the physical resurrection of Jesus. The change that comes into our lives is on account of the physicality, the physicalness of His resurrection. That's why we physically find changes in our in our lives. You can see that we become new. I pray that we will really grab this.

### **John 3:**

***1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:***

***2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that you do, except God be with him.***

***3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, 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?***

So many times we look at that and say, "Stupid Nicodemus!" Jesus said to him, "You must be born again", and he didn't even understand it was just a spiritual birth of his spirit. No, Nicodemus was not foolish. Although in the Greek we would say a man needs to be born from above. The Greek means to be born from above but also, in the Greek, it talks about being born again, a second time. Nicodemus understanding the perfect language where Jesus spoke here, which I believe was Hebrew, he understood it as being physically born a second time which is correct. He was not wrong. He had to be born a second time physically but he didn't know how that could be possible for what he heard Jesus say was that Jesus said, "You, physically, need to be born a second time" and he didn't know how that would be possible. "How can I enter a second time into my mother's womb and be born again?"

We shouldn't throw that away! I think it is very good in the acts of Jesus when we look at the

understanding of the people at that time... what did Nicodemus understand? He understood that it is a physical birth that it was his body had to be born again. The physical body of Jesus, of the physical body of Nicodemus had to be born again. He didn't know how that could be possible because in the church world, we talk about the born again **spirit**.

One day I asked if somebody could show me where in the Bible it talks about the born again spirit. I was accused of stirring up things and causing havoc. But, I mean if we preach that then we need to talk about where does it say that our spirits are born again. It doesn't say that. It talks about our bodies being born from the Spirit. That is what it talks about. It's got something completely new here. You would say, "Why would this ever be important? The reason why this is important is because through this you are going to experience freedom from the bondage of sin and death, guilt and condemnation. You are going to see no reason to try and justify yourself by the works of the law. You are going to find no reason to find your identity in how much money you have, what your children study, what you do for a living, or anything like that. You will find an understanding of the value of humanity. You will start to find the understanding of who you are, who God is. You will have a metanoia together with thinking with God, which is the word for repentance, and you will experience deliverance from bondage, my friend. That is why this is so important to understand. But this is controversial. Who cares! In the light of the truth who cares if something is controversial! We want the truth! We want the life that is born from the truth. We want that which God came for to manifest in our lives.

And here we find a man, Nicodemus, coming to Jesus and Jesus said to him, "Unless you're born again you cannot see, or experience, or have anything to do with the kingdom of God. You need a new birth." Now, we find what Jesus was saying there is, and this is how I see it, is that you need to be begotten to a new and living hope. You need a new hope. You need someone that is physically raised from the dead. And should He be physically raised from the dead, and you believe that, you will be made physically immortal by His resurrection. Even should you die, should your physical body be raised again, as you believe upon that, then you will start to see and experience the kingdom of God for then you are born of an incorruptible message, The message wherein we talk about the incorruptibility of the physical body of Jesus Christ! As I say this, I hope Peter starts to make sense to you now.

Before we read on I need to explain to you that Jesus, Himself, had to be born again. You can say to me, "Bertie, that is absolute nonsense! Jesus is the Son of God. How can He ever be born again!

I hope you are following with me. I'm not in a hurry. I'm enjoying this!

Before I read Acts 13: 32, let us read **Romans 1:1:**

*1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,*

*2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)*

*3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;*

So, Jesus was made of the seed of David according to the flesh. That means He was born of Mary.

*4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*

He was made of Mary and He was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection. With that in mind, let's go to the book of Acts.

**Acts 13:**



*32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,*

*33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children...*

He is saying here that there was a promise made to our fathers and it was fulfilled unto us.

Paul clearly says in **Romans 1:**

*2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)*

*3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ*

We're talking about the same thing here.

It says, *33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, You art my Son, this day have I begotten You.*

When was Jesus now born? We see here that He was made of Mary. We all know a child was born. A child was born but that is not what God gave us. God didn't give us Baby Jesus because the Baby Jesus is not what can save us. What saves us is the Begotten Son of God and that is something different. We need to understand that. We understand the new birth. We need to understand what it means to be born again. Jesus was born of Mary but the Bible says in **Acts 13:33: *God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, You art my Son, this day...*** (Which day... the day He was raised from the dead!) *have I begotten You.*

So, Jesus was born of Mary and then He was born from out of the dead into an immortal, undying, human being! Can you see that? Jesus had a birth from His Mom, but whatsoever is of the flesh of Mary is flesh. That is how it is. So, what he was saying is, "If you are born from your physical mother and you cannot be born from the dead, you cannot experience or see the kingdom of God. You need a physical new birth! That is why Nicodemus was so confused. He was completely confused! He was thinking that the whole thing was, "I need to be physically born again. I need a physical brand new birth and I don't know how it is going to take place." But, we today, in hindsight, can see how a physical birth can take place again. Jesus was physically born out of the grave... never to die! To have a flesh that can never die and He is saying to us, "Unless you are born again... unless I come and I stand up in a brand new light, raised physically from the dead, you cannot have a new life because you will not have this hope. You are still hoping to be saved by your works. But if I can be physically raised, born again, then you can also be born again. Now, how does that take place? One can easily think of universalism right there in saying the whole world is born again. That is not what John 3 teaches and we are going to show that to you right from John chapter 3.

Let me summarize before I get into the personal side of this whole message where we experience the New Birth:

God wants us to repent. The reason why He wants us to repent is because it brings a new life to us. He has come so that we can have a new birth... that we can be born again. He has come so that He can bring a brand new hope to all of humanity in physically raising a man from the dead since His goal with man is incorruptibility, immortality, or what I would call, eternal existence inside the quality of God's life--- physical eternal existence inside the quality of God's life. You might say, "Bertie, where do you get that word from? Simply the Jesus Christ seated at the right hand of God. He is that message... physical incorruptibility, eternal existence, inside the quality of God's life, as a human being.

We who have that hope, the Bible says that we have a new life today. How does that take place?

Before we get into verse 13, let me first touch on this. Somebody asked me to mention that the Bible says in verse 7:

**7 Marvel not that I said to you, You must be born again.**

**8 The wind blows where it wants and you hear the sound thereof, but cannot tell where it comes from, and where it goes: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**

**9 Nicodemus answered and said to him, How can these things be?**

What He was actually saying to him here is that you must be born of water and the Spirit. When it talks about water there, I believe it talks about the baptism of John meaning you need to repent. When John was baptizing, they were preaching repentance of Judaism.... repentance of basically trying to be saved by your works and waiting on the Messiah. So they had to be at a place where you, as a Jew, acknowledges that you cannot be saved by your works... that was born of water. The Jewish system also believed there was a new birth that took place when you were physically baptized because you now received a new life under the teaching of the rabbi. So, you need to be born of water meaning that you need to repent of your works. You need to have a change of mind and you will have to have the Spirit of the resurrection then bring forth a new life in you otherwise you will never be able to experience the kingdom of God. That makes sense and that is true for all of us.

I believe where it says, **The wind blows where it wants and you hear the sound thereof, but cannot tell where it comes from, and where it goes: so is every one that is born of the Spirit**, I believe the Jews understood that the life they had was born of the law. They were sons of the law. They had a bar mitzvah --- son of the law. They say, "We come from the law. We obey the law and because we obey the law we, from there, know where we are going by what we are doing." I think he is addressing that there and he is basically saying that eternal life is something you don't know where it comes from. You don't know where it's going to end ... like God... who made God? No one knows. He says, "So is everyone that is born of the Spirit. He has no beginning and He has no end for he entered into the very life of God. I can still teach a lot about that but I don't want to. I just want to drop that nugget there.

Now he is explaining to Nicodemus how a person needs to be born again. **Verse 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:**

**15 That whosoever believes in him should not perish (die), but have eternal life** (eternal existence inside the quality of God's life or the quality of God's person...)

He says, "Jesus must be lifted up as the snake was lifted up in the wilderness." What is he saying? He is saying to be born from above means that Jesus must be lifted up like the snake was lifted up. He was referring to the cross. If you go to **Numbers 21**, you will see that the people did not want the manna that fell from heaven. Then fiery serpents came and bit them. What happened when the snake bit them? The poison went into them, and they were bodily, physically dying. They were born of their mothers and then they lived. Then they were losing that life... they were surely dying. It's like being bitten by a black mamba. If a black mamba bites you, that's a death penalty... you're dead! You're not going to make it. You are going to die. If you make it, it's a miracle and it's almost like you've been born again. You had a life but it was lost. You have a new life in this body now if you make it. The same concept is true here. For God said, "Take a snake and put it on a pole and then whosoever then looks at the snake on the pole, which we know talks about Jesus on the cross, it talks about the death of death. If you can behold the death of your death which we can only behold in the death and the resurrection of Jesus. We saw Jesus die. We saw Him raised up and now we look at Jesus who was raised up seated in a

physical body at the right hand of the Father. As we are beholding the physical Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father, in a physical human form where He was begotten from the dead, what happens now? The Spirit that seals us to also being begotten physically from the dead is upon us and we start to live a life of the new birth and we will still find our bodies be born again in the resurrection and we will live and not die. That is what this whole thing is all about. It sounds very complicated but this is exactly what Jesus was teaching.

Let me teach it in a very simple way. This is what Jesus said to Nicodemus:

Jesus said, "Nicodemus, you need to be born again."

Nicodemus asked, "Lord, how can this body be born again?"

Jesus said, "Well, your body is dying, Nicodemus. What is born of the flesh is flesh, but what you need is to have your body born of the Holy Spirit so that your body can never die!"

Nicodemus asks, "But how is this possible?"

Jesus says, "This is how it is possible Nicodemus: I, the Son of man which is in heaven, meaning and has authority over humanity, I have to be lifted up as the snake was lifted up in the wilderness. In other words, I need to be lifted up in a way wherein you can lose the death in your physical body. "

The only way that Jesus can do that was to be lifted up on a pole, which is upon the cross, die and then ascend on high, be raised up on high, and now we can be born from above. That means that we can, as we believe in the physical resurrection and having the hope of bodily immortality, by what Christ has done, that Spirit that raised Him from the dead is then poured out on us and so are we born again and we will not perish but have eternal existence. The good life we live now is the Spirit whereby we will have the rebirth of our bodies in the resurrection that is now saying that we are truly sons of God and the life we have now is begotten of this hope we are having. That's how it technically works.

Remember that I warned you guys earlier in the week that this is just going to be pure theology... very technical but liberating! I want to say to you that if you go and sign a contract to buy something, you read that whole contract. You get lawyers to read it for you, your wife reads it. You make sure. You ask certain questions. The lawyer will check it out and then you sign. If we put so much effort into buying this stupid house, why can we not study and say, "Lord, I want to see what is going on here. I want to understand.

So I want to say this and you may say that it is very technical but I want to tell you how simple it is. This is what it is: Man is physically dying and God had to give us a physical new life. The only way He could do it was to become a physical man, physically die and be physically raised. That death and resurrection had to be ours. As we believe upon that, those who believe upon Him will not die but they will live forever. To them is given the life that came from the resurrection and we shall see the new birth of our bodies in the resurrection as well.

We already have that life. We are experiencing what the Bible says as the first fruit of that. So, are we born again? Yes! Are we seeing our bodies born into a body that does not die? We see Jesus and that we behold and we have the hope of that! Glory to God! So I want to say to you; "You need to be born again in order for you to understand the kingdom of God. The way you are going to be born again is this way: You will have to be born by the resurrected Jesus to the new and living hope. Then you will have to believe this. As you believe in the physical resurrection and what I shared with you today, your Bible will all of a sudden start to make sense! The moment I started, about 4-5 years ago, to really talking about the resurrection, and hammering on it for the last two years, as you see this, my friend, it's as if you are seeing the kingdom! You never understood it.

Jesus was right. Unless you are born again, as I explained, you cannot see the kingdom of God. You

cannot understand the kingdom of God. It will still be all about trying to go to heaven... streets of gold, this and that and whatever, you will not know how it is that a man can live a holy life in this earth. You won't understand the fruit of the Spirit. You will not understand how to read the law. You will not understand the account of Genesis. You will not understand the appearing to Ezekiel. You will not understand Isaiah and Jeremiah. So many things will not be understood because you have not understood the goal of God and how He had attained that goal in the resurrection. Glory to God!

Two minute summary:

Jesus had to be raised in a physical body so that we can be born from having a hope of immortality. The born again means that you need to have a recreated, or rebirth, of your body. Since Jesus became our sin in the likeness of sinful flesh and conquered sin in the flesh, we, in our flesh, have the hope of a new birth meaning immortality. From that truth, the Spirit of that truth enters us and that is why we live a holy life. Glory to God! Now that was a mouthful. I trust that you will listen to this again. Pray to God, ask God, "Lord, what is this all about?"

Like Isaiah says: "A child was born but a Son was given!"

**John 3:**

***16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son (Who was given to us), that whosoever believed in him should not perish***

Who was given? The only BEGOTTEN Son. Who is the only begotten? Was it the one who was made of a woman, from the womb of Mary? Or, is that the One who was physically raised from the dead? What was given to us to save us is not just the cross. The cross had to be there in order for God to give us a begotten Son so that we can believe upon the Begotten Son so that we can be begotten from the begotten Son. That we could be the first born from among many brethren. He is the first and we shall be born from the dead in the day of the resurrection. But as for now we have the Spirit whereby we cry, "Abba Father," saying, "He is our Father!" Then there will be a day where we will receive the adoption which is the redemption of our bodies, or the birth of our bodies --- the second birth, the born from above. Your body needs to be born from above. If your physical body cannot be born from above how will you be saved from the sin in the flesh?

What I have been teaching you today would not be common knowledge. Yet, I fully believe it is the truth and you can go and study it and test it to the scriptures and see if it stands the proof of Scripture in the context of a physical, immortal, human being seated at the right hand of God. Glory to God! Amen!

Remember, whatever argument you have, whatever point you have, needs to weigh up to the fact that there are no bones in Jesus' grave, that He was seen by the apostles. He was seen by more than 500 people at once. He was seen by Peter and signs, wonders and miracles was done in the time of the Bible, and even today, as a sign of the physical birth from the dead where Jesus was born a second time from the dead. He was declared as the only begotten of God and that is the One who has given to us! As we behold Him, expecting, as the people who looked at the snake that was lifted up, expecting death to end in them and then bodies not to die and continue to live. As we expect that, which we know will take place in the day of the Lord, as pertaining to our bodies, we will have a new life. That's how this whole thing works, Church! Glory to God!

I want to thank you so much for watching this. There is one thing I am going to ask you and that is: Believe this! Out of this belief and repentance you will find a brand new life... a life that will testify... a

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