

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW BIRTH

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The passion in my heart is just to see what I believe the Lord wants to see for all of us and that is that we can walk in union with His life and then express that life to one another.

This morning in our Afrikaans Broadcast, I was talking a little bit about when God created Adam and Eve. When He made man, He made man in His image and in His likeness, male and female created He them. The whole thing about God is that He is a more than one God. The word, God, is in the plural and you have heard that many times as I have been teaching about that. The great thing is when God made man, He made man in His image and His likeness and because of that, man had to be more than one. They had to be the same and yet a bit different. They both had to have an intellect, a mind, a life that they can share with one another. They also had to have the very ability to procreate and that there could be a multiplication in the intimacy of these two beings, exactly as it is in the Trinity.

The Trinity fellowship together in heaven. They were talking together and then one day they said, "Let us have someone in our image and likeness and they brought forth the person that could have that very same ability to fellowship with Him, fellowship with one another and in that unity have a multiplication. In that unity that there is between people, I believe we can experience a powerful reality of what is going on in the Trinity. It's almost a place where what is true between God and us finds its manifestation and finds its fruit. The reality is in Christ and where Christ is at the right hand of the Father and yet we have been made in physical bodies. We are more than one on the earth and in this unity that we have we can have a platform wherein what is in the Trinity and what is in us and the Trinity, can have full expression. Church, that is my passion... to have church. You might say, "Bertie, church is such an institutionalized word. Why should we have church?" I just believe that there is a death if there is not fellowship with one another. It would almost be like Adam where Adam was alone and he could have said, "Well, I have God and I have a Garden of my own and that is perfect."

When God looked at Adam, and He looked at the perfection in Adam, He looked at the innocence of Adam, He looked at the holiness that was in Adam, He looked at everything that was in Adam and He said, "It is not good!" You may say, "Bertie, what are you saying?" I want to repeat that. When God looked at Adam, in His image and His likeness, talking about his righteousness, his holiness, his access to the Tree of Life, in perfect innocence, and God looked at Adam and He saw that Adam was alone and He said, "It is not good that man would be alone", and He made him a helpmate. In other words, He made him a person, not to help him work, but that person helps him to give full expression to who and what God is inside him. It basically helps you, another person and fellowshiping with another person, actually helps you to express what is in your heart. I think that is the platform from where ministry should flow. When we see one another, we say someone who is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh, someone I can live towards and I can express what I experience between God and me, and just have that fullness.

Church, the reason why we have this Internet Church, the reason why we have this Fellowship, is very simple: We have been made for it. We have been designed for it. We can fellowship that way. We can interact that way especially in our Face to Face groups and all the other different links we have.

I just wanted to say that so that, I wanted to just bring that to you that you can have a heart that can start to understand more about church and that if we can just start a spark inside you as the Lord started a spark in me some years ago and where He is just explaining more and more of that as I look at my children, my wife, my friends, and I realize that no man is an island. We cannot live without one another. Just being alone, you and only your personal relationship with Jesus only is not the place of original plan. The place of original plan was perfection in the individual, full innocence, full righteousness and somebody else who can also share in this life and then from there we can experience what God has.

You know, it would be impossible to have an experience of God's quality of life outside of sharing it with somebody who is also like you. Like I said, it first is with God and us and then it flows to one another. I am not making a law saying that we must come together every Sunday and you must fellowship, or anything like that. What I am just trying to say is that there is great power when we fellowship around real Truth. There is no power in just people coming together. I find that you can get political parties coming together. You can find Mafia people coming together. You can find gangs and people coming together and in that togetherness, people can become drunk, they can overeat, they can gossip and whatever. It is not in coming together. There is not a power in coming together. There is a power in the Truth manifested where people can actually live it towards one another and share in being happy together, share in smiling together, where your heart overflows and you want to say it to somebody!

Just a basic dynamic about that.... I don't know why I am talking so long about this but just let me just stress it a little bit more. If you look at social media, Facebook is one of the biggest websites in the world. If you look at Twitter and all those kind of things, what is it all about? Especially Facebook where people come and they want to share what is inside them. It is because we are made in the image and likeness of God. We want to put something there where somebody can see how it's going with you, how you look, who your family is, where you've been and all those kind of things.

A friend of mine just finished a mountain bike tour. They had to put those pictures up... father and daughter, mom, hugging each other, very happy. They finished the race, smiling. They want to share it with somebody because we are beings who were designed to function that way. Just the power of this is so, so great. Glory to God!

Let's get into the Word for today and we are going to talk about the new birth, what it means to be born again. I preached on this before and I am just going to minister on this again and just bring forth some of this newer thoughts that the Lord has brought to my attention. I trust that this is going to bless you.

Father, I want to thank You so much for Your Word. I want to thank You that we can sit here today and preach Your Gospel and bring Your message of holiness, Your message of righteousness, Your message of peace, Your message of joy to people.

Thank You for speaking powerfully through me. Thank You for being here, for the people who watch, for Helena doing the broadcast. It is wonderful just to know You! Speak to us! We are just willing to bask in the love that You have, Holy Spirit. Amen

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 thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

...Except a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. When we look at the first verse in John chapter 3, we have traditionally looked at Nicodemus as a man who was among the Pharisees. It says, *There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus...*

What we saw there was, “Once upon a time, there was a man among the Pharisees. He came to Jesus at night for some reason and then he tried to say something to the Lord which we don't really know because it's almost as if Christ interrupted him and told him, “You must be born again!”

Let me give a little bit of background here.

John 2

:23 Now when He (Jesus) was in Jerusalem at the Passover, in the feast day, many believed in His name, when they saw the miracles which He did.

24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because He knew all men,

25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man. I want to add in: among those who believed upon His name when they saw the miracles that He did on the Feast Day. Among them came a man by the name of Nicodemus and he was of the sect of the Pharisees or he was a teacher that made a great effort to keep the Law as one was supposed to keep it.

The Pharisees of those days were actually revivalists. What they did was they said, “Guys, we are not following the customs of Moses. We are not following the Law. We are just living as we want. Let's take this Scripture and live as the Scripture says. Let's do what God says we must do. Let's look at all the traditions and everything that our forefathers followed and what was prescribed by God to us and let us follow that and let us do that.” They were dedicated to follow every point and comma of the Law. They were sincere in their heart to try and do what God says. They were also expecting the Messiah. These Pharisees were not bad people. They were really dedicated. They were seeking God. They were studying Scripture forever. They were praying. They were doing everything that was written in this Book. Paul, himself, said that according to the righteousness of the Law, he was blameless. That meant he kept all the laws that had to be kept in the dressing and the washing and all those kind of things. Yet he didn't have the power to a brand new life which can only come from God.

These people saw the miracles that Jesus did and then they believed in His name and yet a person who believed in the name of Jesus on account of miracles, Jesus said to that person, “You need to be born again.” I've seen that in churches as well when we find that we will see a miracle.... I remember when I went to see T.B. Joshua in Nigeria and we saw all these miracles and you would find thousands of people start to call upon the name of the Lord, start saying, “I believe in God. I believe God exists. I see all these miracles,” and yet a lot of those people did not have the new birth. When you would share grace with them, they wouldn't understand what you are talking about because the life they had was born from a supernatural thing that happened, so they thought this must be God. That can happen with many people who do supernatural things. If something supernatural happens, we can say, “There is something special about this person.”

If a young person comes and he, at the age of six, plays the piano very well, you will say that he is gifted of God or you will say that this is a special child. But what you see here is something out of the ordinary and because of that you are saying, "I believe that there is something special." That is what the Pharisees, Nicodemus, basically did. He saw the miracles and then when he saw the miracles he said, "I believe that this guy, this Jesus, must be from God." They believed on Him. They began to trust because Jesus would come and do things and they would say, "Man, I started to believe in His character. I started to believe that this guy must be from God." When he believed that he was at the place where he could actually be open for the new birth.

You may say that traditionally, if I just said I was sorry for my sin then I was born again. Let me try and explain it this way: I remember when I understood Grace for the first time, my words were, "I was born again, again." That was what I said. I was born again, again. Maybe you are saying, "I am born again. I have received Jesus sometime in my life." I believe that God is walking with you. God is being with you but there is still a place for a believer that he can become born from above, born from God and we are going to look at that today.

Some of you might be thinking, "Bertie, what are you talking about?" Please just stick with me in this. I am not trying to preach a new revelation. I am not trying to promote my ministry by trying to be weird or anything like that. We just want the truth and I want your heart to be established in the goodness of God. I want you to understand how the New Birth takes place and why it is that sometimes we don't understand certain things. You might say, "I've heard about Grace things. I've heard about the Grace message but I don't understand what it is all about. Yes, it is God is good, so what, kind of thing. I don't understand everything. It's almost as if these guys who talk about Grace, are like the wind. We don't know where they come from and we don't know where they go."

John 3:3 Jesus said to Nicodemus, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see (comprehend) the kingdom of God.*

Nicodemus comes and he is amazed and he says, **verse 4, *How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*** Nicodemus is actually saying something extraordinary because in those days if a person repents of his sin and becomes a follower of a certain doctrine, it would be seen as a new birth. But Nicodemus comes and he is so sure that he is correct about his doctrine, he is so sure that he is correct about what he says and what he believes and in his dressing and in his keeping of the Law, that when Jesus said, "You must be born again," Nicodemus' mind immediately went to physical birth. (Next Sunday I am going to talk about baptism and how the baptism took place in the Old Testament with all the different washings and baptisms, and that will help you a lot to understand the New Birth.

In those days, what they basically believed was that if a person had sin, they could go and baptize themselves under the teaching of a Pharisee or a teacher of the Law or what we would call a rabbi or someone with authority. Jesus would speak as someone with authority, someone who was so learned in the Law that He had authority to make disciples and lead them into His way of living.

This is how the Baptism took place: Like John, for instance, would stand in the river and he wouldn't take somebody and put them under the water and pick him up like we do today. I don't know where that comes from but that is not what happened back then. What happened back then is that man would teach and people would come and as that man was teaching, the people would come and baptize themselves.

That means that they would walk into the water, go under the water by themselves, and stand up and what they did in that was to say, "I wash myself from what I used to believe and I stand up tall, I stand straight up, in the doctrine that this man teaches." That would then be seen as the guy who baptizes, in this case let's say John, who made disciples, John bringing people over into his way of living and that would be called a New Birth. You would repent and follow a different doctrine. That would be called a New Birth.

Here Jesus comes and He speaks to Nicodemus who was not only just a Pharisee but he was also a ruler of the Jews. This guy was a big shot! There was no way that this man could ever believe that his doctrine could be wrong. There was no way! He was following everything to the letter and what Jesus was saying to him was, "You need a New Birth!" What Jesus said to him is, "You need to go to a place and have yourself washed from what you believe and stand up tall in the doctrine of another man or another man's way of living or another man's teaching. Unless you do that, you will never be able to see, you will never comprehend, the Kingdom of God which is God's way of doing."

John 3:4 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?

What Nicodemus comes and does here is he finds his identity in being a Jew. He finds his identity and he says, "The only way that I can ever enter the Kingdom is if I am a Jew." But Jesus comes and says, "You know, it is not about being a Jew. You need to know the doctrine. This doctrine of thinking you are a Jew and thereby you can have salvation by following the Law, you need to be washed from that and see that as something you need washing from, what you need cleansing from, and then as you stand up in the teaching of another person, which in this case would be Jesus Himself, then the Teacher, Jesus, would bring you over into His way of living by His knowledge and His goodness and His guidance and His discipleship. That is what He would do. So, for us, as people, we need to understand.

Let's get to tithing, for instance. I know that I have hammered on this many times but it is something that works very practical so that we can understand. If you believe that you need to tithe to be blessed, God is not going to punish you for believing that, God is not going to be against you but as long as you believe that in your heart, as long as you have room for that Law in your heart, you will not be able to see the Kingdom of God as pertaining to finances. You will be blinded to it. You will not understand what is going on. You will not understand this free will giving. You will not understand how blessing comes. You will not understand any of that.

Let me go a little further: Unless you are in a place where you come to a point where you can say, "I actually need to be washed from the filth of that doctrine!" and where you can willfully, by yourself, walk into a place where you can say, "I am now washed from the lie I believed and I stand up and I am saying, 'Jesus, teach me!'", you will never be able to see or experience what the Kingdom of God, as pertaining to finances, is all about.

Although it can be happening to you, God can bless you with things. God can be good to you about certain things but you will not be able to see that. I have seen this testimony upon testimony where people would just say, "I just wish that God can do something for me!" If you look at their life from the outside, you would say that God is doing so many things for them but they can't see it. It's simply because of a wrong belief.

John 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. Jesus said to Nicodemus, unless you come to the place of water where you can repent of what you believe, have a washing of water baptism, and be born of the Spirit, meaning that a new basic principle, a new way of thinking, a new way of belief, becomes the foundation from where you look at things, you will not experience or even enter into this Kingdom. “ Now, that was a big thing for Nicodemus to hear because what they believed was that the Messiah would come and that He would bring forth His kingdom on the earth and then He would exercise, almost like a dictatorship or a rulership, over all the nations and He would govern all the nations. All of a sudden Jesus said to him, “You know, you will not even be a partaker of the Kingdom of the Messiah unless you are born of water and the Spirit, unless you come to a place where you say, “I can be washed from what I believe and I can now be raised up into a new basic principle from where I reason.”

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

Jesus comes to Nicodemus and says, “Nicodemus, if you come as a Jew and as a Jew you want to follow the customs of Moses and you find your identity just in the flesh, in the physical birth from your parents, that will remain flesh.” (And I want to add my words... “Sin dwells in the flesh and since the Kingdom of God is a Spirit Kingdom and functions on the things of the Spirit, you cannot enter into that, Nicodemus.”)

You might be asking, “Bertie, why are you saying all these things?” This is the reason and this is what I am driving at: Church, as we continue to grow in the message of God's love for us, as we continue in what God has given us, let us encourage one another in this message for this is the ONLY way that we can see the Kingdom, understand the Kingdom and enter into the Kingdom, is by being in a place where we can see the washing of the water of the Word which is a place where we declare that we are washed from laws, we are washed from legalism, we are washed from all those things. We are washed from the belief of ability and by that we will have life and where we can see the spirit wherein God operates which is the spirit of holiness, the spirit of innocence.

I will define holiness. If we say that a father is holy, it means that he spends time with his kids, he loves his children, he's good to them, he enjoys their company... he is a good father. That is a holy father. If we talk about the holiness of God and we want to declare God as holy and as our God, then He has to be the One who protects us. He has to be the One who cares for us. He has to be the One who makes sure that He feeds us and provides a kingdom where we can live and where there is a stable economy and all those kind of things. He has to do that. I'm not talking about a physical economy. I am talking about a kingdom thing here. He has to provide that and unless He provides that, He is not a holy God. He cannot be seen as God.

If we say that the kingdom of God is a kingdom of holiness we are talking about a place where God is God in your life, where God is the One who brings forth righteousness in you, where God is the One who brings forth life in you, where God is the One who brings forth peace in you. Amen!

John 3

: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 you cannot tell where it comes, and where it goes: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

What is Jesus saying here to Nicodemus? He is saying, "Nicodemus, do you know what? What I'm talking about here is spiritual. I am actually telling you that you need to go and repent from what you believe. You believe in Me. You believe that I am sent from God. Now since you believe that I am sent from God let Me give you a word from God."

The miracle, that Jesus did, gave Jesus a foothold in the life of Nicodemus so that Nicodemus could actually come to Jesus and say, "Jesus, I see You are from God." Then Jesus said, "Well, if you say that I am from God, you are right. Then let Me give you a word from God but as I am about to give you this word, you will look at Me and think I am crazy because what I am about to say to you is from another way of thinking! (I am just using my own words to try to explain this.) You are thinking that you are okay. You are thinking that you are on the pathway of salvation. You are thinking that by obeying all these laws that you are going to be part of the rule of the Messiah. Let Me tell you something... you need to be washed from this filth!"

It shocked Nicodemus so much that he asked, "Must I now enter into my mother's womb again? What is this! How can a man, when he is old, be born again?" His mind could not register that Jesus is talking about repenting from finding your identity in Judaism.

I had someone in the Web Fellowship write in and say that in their area, I think somewhere in Texas, they find a lot of people that stick to this Judaism thing. It's all about Christian /Judaism. If that is what you believe, I'm not trying to be harsh or anything, but man, you need to be washed from that filth! If I say that you are in need of repentance, you might say, "I just opened my mind to this Judaism thing. I've just opened my mind to all of this and how can you tell me that I need to be washed from this and have a brand new spirit from where I operate. That's crazy! Jesus knew that would be what Nicodemus would hear and it would just "slap him around a bit". This is too much! That's why Jesus said, *Marvel not that I say to you, that you must be born again.*

What He said is, "Marvel not... please don't be amazed now because if I come to you in the Spirit the natural thing for you would be to say, "Oh, my goodness. What is this!" But please don't put it in that category of "Who is this crazy guy? What is He trying to say? Is He a weirdo? What's going on with Him?" He said, "Please don't have that!

It's a normal thing that when truth comes, when the Spirit comes and when someone comes from the perspective of the Spirit, and he starts to talk to somebody that is in the flesh, passionately in the flesh.(When I am talking about "in the flesh", I am not talking about smoking, drinking, etc.) I am talking about passionately trying to serve God by Laws. If a guy, from the Spirit of God, comes to someone who is in the flesh, trying to follow the customs of the Law, he would look at him in utter amazement. It's almost like Jesus said to Peter, "It is very difficult for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Peter then said, "If a rich man can't be saved, who can be saved?"

They marveled at what Jesus said because Jesus was functioning inside the Spirit and what Peter and the others needed was to be washed. Peter, James and the others were following Jesus. They were doing miracles in the name of Jesus and they were so flattered with the mindset of Satan to the point that Jesus even said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan!" when Peter came with his fleshly mindset again. What was happening was Jesus was bringing an atmosphere and he was in a place where they could at least believe upon Him, to follow Him, but as they were following Him, what He was driving at, what He was trying to get to happen in their life, is for them to get born again. That they could actually come to a place where they say, "Let me be washed from the belief that riches is the sign of the approval of God and that is a sign that you will be a partaker of the Kingdom.

You need be washed from that and you need to believe something else. To believe that the Spirit of God can simply make somebody that relies upon the Father although He carries all the sin of all the world, that He can raise Him from the grave and that immortality can be the inheritance we will receive in the Kingdom of God. That is what Jesus was trying to communicate with these guys. I think it was difficult for Jesus in certain cases.

What I am trying to say here is please understand that the concept of the new birth is not what we thought it was. Jesus wants to come and He wants to bring a place where we, like the disciples, like other people, can come and say, "We believe upon You, Lord, now speak to me." And as Jesus says things, be ready, and this is what Jesus said, "Don't marvel! This is normal! If I tell you things of how the Kingdom really is, you might say, "No way! No way."

John 3:8 The wind blows where it wants, and you hear the sound thereof, but you cannot tell where it comes, and where it goes: so is every one that is born from the Spirit.

In the Jewish mindset it was, "I come from this lineage and I am on my way there in the Kingdom of God. He that is of the Spirit, you don't know where he comes from. What he was saying is he that is born of the Spirit is not a person who finds identity in where he comes from in Jewish lineage. He doesn't care about any of that. It is not important and where he goes in this life, in other words, the normal things of this world and the blessings that the Jews found as very important, it's not even important to this person.

I'm about to print my book on finances and the printers and people who would distribute the book for us came and said that the book is three hundred and fifty pages and what I wrote is quite unique so we should sell it for twenty-five dollars. I said to the publisher, "My goodness, that is not what I want." The publisher said, "What do you want?" I said, "I want to see how we can get this book to people at the lowest possible cost. That is what I want to see." He said, "But don't you want to make a lot of money?" I said, "That is not the vision of the book! The vision is that we can get this Gospel to people." He said, "Sir, people wouldn't mind to pay twenty-five dollars for the book. That is how the world is! You need to understand that!" I said, "The very thing you want me to do is what I wrote against."

They had three or four people call me to try to find out what I was saying because they could not understand. The vision is to get it to people... that's it! If we must ask a fee for putting it in printed format and just to cover cost, we can do that but you will find my book available for free in E-format because we want to have this message go to people. You cannot try to get people to do. It is something that is born from a different understanding.

So He comes to Nicodemus, who was a believer in Jesus, and says, "Nicodemus, you need to be born again." And I find that how my life has been born again when I started to realize things like: God is only good and only love. When I started to understand that, all of a sudden I could start to see things in the Old Testament which I could never understand, which I would read over and over and over and I couldn't understand what was said. Because I am now born from, "God is my Father. I am part of the brand new kingdom. I have seen the old as filth."

Like the Apostle Paul said, "I count the old things but dung!" As he could count the old things but dung not even on account of knowing the New but on account of knowing that it never produced true life in you. Count it dung... it doesn't work! That's dung! The moment it happens in your heart you are open for more and then you will find God come and brings things to you and it will bring a new birth to your life.

John 3

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that which we know, and testify that which we have seen; and you receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and you believe not, how shall you believe, when I tell you heavenly things?

In other words, He says to him, "Listen, it will be difficult for you to understand what I am actually trying to say."

Then He goes and He explains how this new birth is going to take place.

John 3

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, but have eternal life.

So He says, "Nicodemus, this is how you can receive the New Birth: You need to see Jesus as the Son of man which is in heaven and on earth meaning He is man seated with God. That man, Jesus, which carried all the sin of the world, when you can see Him, in the highest authority representing all of man crucified, and you can see the end of the poison of the snake and you can see that the Son of man, the whole System that you guys work by is actually is something that is devilish, that has a poison inside it and it was nailed to the cross. The man of flesh, the man of works, that was nailed to the cross and that is only death and we can see that the demonstration of the fullness of the Law manifested in Christ which is death, that we can see that. When we can see and believe that the snake's system is ended in Christ, when we can believe that, when see the death of that, what can take place? All of a sudden the death that is inside our bodies will cease!

Remember what happened in Numbers 21? They were against the manna and they detested the manna that fell from heaven. What happened when they rejected Christ, that's what actually happened there, then the fiery serpents came and bit them. When a snake bites you there is poison inside your body and you are dying. Then God told Moses to take a snake and put it upon a cross, a pole, and whosoever can look at the snake, upon the pole, or crucified, when we can have the revelation that that which brings death in me, that when I didn't want it for free, when I didn't want manna from heaven for free, when I didn't want what God gives for free, when I look at that and I say that I don't want it for free, I detest it, then I could see what comes out of Satan's mouth, poisoned me, because when the test was for free, when the test was easy, you are poisoned with the doctrine of the devil. When you can see that Satan's authority and Satan's power was ended on the cross, in the death of Christ, do you know what will happen? The very power that kills you will cease and you will find, "I was dying but now I live again." That is what it means to be Born Again. You were dying and now you are born from the revelation of the crucified snake.

The Snake doctrine was this: I am what I do! Jesus Christ came, incarnated into our darkness, took all our sin upon Him, fully identified with us and was baptized by John, which was the Baptism of Repentance, we had to confess sin. Jesus went in there and He put Himself under the water. He stood up. John walked out of the water with Him and the Spirit of God came upon Him and He carried, fully identified with, our sins, went to the cross and died as a man carrying the sin of all people and we see that Satan's System was crucified and ended. The Bible says that the commandments that were contrary to us were nailed to the cross. When we can see that, oh my goodness, what happens? WE START TO LIVE! We start to live for the first time! That is how the New Birth takes place.

Church, let us be open and say, “God, thank You that I can be born again... not in as, “I have repented of my sins and I decided to follow Jesus,” but in a place where I can see the crucified snake, in a place where I can see the Son of man, lifted up and we can see Him die there where the poison that was inside Him, which is the power of sin in the flesh, dies, because we don't have any contract with the Law anymore because we see ourselves as part of the family of God and not enslaved under the Pharaoh of Egypt and all of those things but that we are the free people of God, the Kingdom belongs to us, where we can become familiar with God and see Him as part of our family. When we start to see that, I tell you, that is when are born of the Spirit and from that day you will only start to see the Kingdom of God and start to experience the Kingdom of God. That means that you have a whole life in front of you of experiencing all the dimensions of the goodness of God.

What we have done is we have seen miracles, and we would just say, “Wow!” Then we just fly to a place where there are miracles and we just want to be under the anointing. We want to be where it is dripping with the anointing. We want to be under the power! We are amazed! We are like Nicodemus. We say, “Wow, this guy must be from God!” Then we are just amazed with that and we are so excited! “We see the supernatural! Glory to God!” Then we go and we say this name of Jesus, we believe on it and we use it and we can see miracles. Then we say that God has given us authority! Let us cast out demons!” Then we start to cast out devils and we come running and jumping to the the presence of God saying, “Lord, we are so happy that even devils are subject to us in Your name!” And then we hear Jesus say, “Don't be happy because these devils are subject to you! Rather be happy because your names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.” That is true joy! That's what it is about!

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