

## **RE-CREATED**

Non-Christians are often told today, that they need to repent of their sinful and disobedient lives, pray the sinner's prayer, ask Jesus to forgive their sins, join a church and start straightening up their messed up lives.

They often go from spending four nights a week in the bars to spending four nights a week at church. This is considered by many to be Christian conversion.

But, in the only place that being born again is even mentioned in the Bible Jesus declared something quite different. Jesus met secretly with Nicodemus, probably in the middle of the night.

Jesus said to him, " unless you're born again you can't see the kingdom of God, and unless you are re-born of His Spirit you can never enter it.

So in the only place in the Bible that being born again is even mentioned, Jesus makes it quite clear that the reason for being born again is to enter His kingdom.

Let's look at the scriptures.

But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, *that is*, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name — who were born, not of blood [natural conception], nor of the will of the flesh [physical impulse], nor of the will of man [that of a natural father], but of God [that is, a divine and supernatural birth—they are born of God—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified]. John 1.12amp

By His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption... 1 Corinthians 1.30

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5.17

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of His life. Romans 6.3

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus... Ephesians 2.4

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2.10

When we accept Christ as our Savior, the Spirit of God comes into our spirit, and we experience this new creation by God's doing.

We did not receive a different kind of life when He was resurrected. We received the same life that He has, because we were in Him and were raised with Him

This word "new creation" shows that the Gospel of the Kingdom is not a repair, a modification, or an improvement of the old nature, but a completely new creation by the only One Who can do it - God Himself.

When we receive God's life into our spirits it creates within us a complete re-creation, that affects every aspect of our lives.

This is a radical transformation. It creates for us a new reality, a new identity, a new calling, and a new reason for being on this planet.

Let's look at some more scriptures.

For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Colossians 2.9

It should be obvious from these scriptures that these realities are not the result of any effort of our own.

The Apostle Paul shows us how to relate to this mind boggling inheritance that God has made available to His children, and how to go forward and see the end result of God's supernatural work in our lives.

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Colossians 3.1

We've been given a choice. We can accept the forgiveness of our sins and continue to struggle to straighten up our old sinful lives inherited from Adam and Eve.

Or

We can accept God's love for us, and His supernatural work to redeem us back into His family as His children, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ sharing His inheritance with Him, and say, " thank you Daddy, I receive it".

God bless you.

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