

There Must Be A Moment

BIRTH – A MOMENT

John 3

2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

- Birth is the introduction of life to the world. It is a dramatic, hugely significant moment. Life is there for all to see, hear and hold.
- YOU MUST be Born Again! You MUST have that moment of birthing in The Spirit! The bringing forth of a new life!
- You must recognise that moment! You must know that it happened. A mother knows when she has given birth. There is no doubt, question or wondering.

Exodus 12

48 If a foreigner shall travel with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

Colossians 2

11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

Mark 1

16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Romans 6

4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Galatians 2

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

- You MUST be BORN AGAIN! There must be a moment! A death, a birth, an entrance of life! A transformative experience!
- Being Born Again is not a process. What fellowship has Light with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:14) It is not religious repetition!
- Being "Christian" is no guarantee of Salvation. The Bible never blesses the "Christian".

Romans 9

30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith;

31 but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

32 Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.

33 As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

Romans 10

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Hebrews 11

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- There must be faith! There must be the diligent seeking. There must be the submission to Christ's righteousness! There must be a cry to be clothed in His wedding garments!
- Are you still trusting in your religion? Are you content in your self labelling? Are you trusting your eternal Salvation to your opinion of yourself?

Jesus said YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN!! We are free to accept or reject His word. But His word speaks of a moment. A moment of transaction and transformation from darkness to Light and an entrance of LIFE!! Someone needs to hear this today! Can you recognise and point to that moment?

LIFE – EVIDENCE

Isaiah 61

1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,
3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

- There is the entrance of HIS Life and His Life LIVES!! HIS LIFE LIVES!!
- When HIS life comes there is great rejoicing, there is revelation, deliverance, forgiveness and transformation! There is oneness with God!
- Jesus came that we might have LIFE and Life more abundantly! (John 10:10) His living Spiritual life is evidence of Spiritual birth!

Psalms 30

11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.
12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

John 4

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Acts 3

6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."
7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-walking, leaping, and praising God.
9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

- Jesus' Life in the believer is seen in His joy, His trust and His peace. There is great rejoicing in Jesus and a love for Him!
- It is a life lived by faith!! Faith in the living God! JESUS IS ALIVE!! RISEN AGAIN!! Is He alive to you?! Do you have HIS life?

Galatians 2

20 ... it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

- Life has a natural desire to feed and drink. A natural hunger and thirst.

1 Peter 2

1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.
2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

- There is no growth without craving spiritual milk. If there is no craving, there is no life! We choose to yield to that desire, choose to feed. If there is no hunger or thirst then there is no life.
- HIS LIFE naturally desires to feed. It craves... Do you recognise that craving?

1 Corinthians 14

20 Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

- We are called to mature. To grow in knowledge and understanding. This is the result of feeding on God's word and drinking of that Spiritual milk.
- Will we yield to HIS life? Will we submit to faith in His Word? Will we let HIS LIFE LIVE in us?? Or will we limit God?

Psalms 78

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

- Oh may we learn not to limit what God may accomplish through these vessels. May we not limit Him through lack of faith or disobedience!
- May we not limit His Life or His Love for it is HIS LIFE and HIS LOVE that flow through the Born Again believer.

1 Corinthians 13

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding gong or a clanging cymbal.
2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing (a useless nobody).
3 And though I give all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

- Though imperfectly demonstrated in us it will be seen... Seen Spiritually, through prayer. It will grow, mature, deepen and grow sweeter. More of Jesus will be seen and known.

The Born Again life is a life of faith, freedom, joy, liberty and peace! It is Jesus Christ within us and in Him we have oneness with His Father!! It is His testimony and His Glory that we will live! The evidence of His life will be a HUNGER for Him, JOY and PEACE in HIM, OBEDIENCE to Him and LOVE for Him!! HIS LIFE LIVES and it WILL be evident!

To some degree we can fake outward evidence and we can fool our friends, family and fellowship... But we cannot escape the lack of peace, joy or rest in our hearts. You know bluntly in your heart if you are walking and living in communion with The Lord or not. Either you know His peace that passes understanding or you know your own striving and frustration.

You can sing but you can't know HIS JOY without HIS LIFE.

LIFELESS - SEEKING

Matthew 4

16 *The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."*

- There has been a great light shed upon you this morning. The Light of God's Gospel. I know that He is talking to someone this morning. Light has shone into the darkness.
- The Holy Spirit will take that light and bring conviction of sin and reveal the flesh and lack of peace in your heart.
- The first step in seeking Life is to recognise that you don't have it. Do you feel as though you are living in darkness? Do you long for Life?
- Do you recognise that you have been living in your own religious righteousness?

Romans 6

11 *Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

12 *Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.*

13 *And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.*

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16 *Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?*

Romans 12

1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

- We are familiar with these verses, but have we truly presented our lives as living sacrifices? Do our hearts cry out for His will to be done?
- There must be a denial of self. A denial of your own understanding, your own desires; your fears, concerns and earthly affections... It is a cross to the flesh life and a casting of your whole self upon His Goodness! Have you truly cast yourself upon the Goodness of God?
- Is there a heart cry for His presence and His will? Is there a desperation to serve The Lord and please Him?! Does your heart groan with longing that the words of your mouth and meditation of your heart would please your Heavenly Father?

Psalms 34

4 *I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.*

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6 *This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.*

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19 *Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.*

- You have to cry. You have seek with all of your heart. Only the desperate cry!
- If you cannot point to a moment in your life when you were Born Again, if you cannot remember a moment of transformation when you were crucified and HIS LIFE filled you... then there is still time and opportunity this morning! Hallelujah!
- My testimony. Charo Washer. Shame and embarrassment may come... But you will gain LIFE!! REALITY!! JESUS!! HALLELUJAH!!

YOU MUST be Born Again! Only HIS Life will please The Father. Only HIS LIFE wil
