

Section One – Part Three

WHAT IS 'BORN AGAIN?'

[Read Rom 5:12] Adam sinned against God and when he did, he _____ spiritually. The spiritual death produced _____. The spiritual death has been passed on to every single _____ of Adam. This means that all of Adam's descendants throughout history have been _____ with a _____.

Although Jesus was _____ of a _____, He was not a descendant of Adam. As recorded in Luke chapter one, the _____ moved upon Mary with the power of God and she became _____ with _____. When Jesus was born He did not have a _____ from "father Adam;" He had the _____ and _____ of God. As such, He became our sacrifice for sin. For all who accept Him as _____, His blood _____ for the _____ of _____ and _____ from the _____.

[Read John 3:1-7] Everyone alive has experienced a physical birth. This is what Jesus referred to when He said "born of _____" and "born of _____". When we are born of our earthly father, we are born spiritually _____ with the sin nature. Even though we are alive, God sees us as having "_____. " This is our first birth.

Jesus said we must be _____. The Greek word translated as "born" is gennao and it means "generation, kind, offspring." The Greek word translated as "again" is anothén and it means "from above, from a higher place, again, another time." An amplified definition of Jesus' words could be, "*You must experience another birth, becoming the _____ from _____.*"

To paraphrase Jesus' words in John 3:5-6: "*Listen closely to what I say because it is an _____ that will _____ change: A person who has been _____ in the _____ must also experience a _____ or else he will never enter the kingdom of God. When people are born into this world, that is their _____*

which is produced by their natural parents; but there is also a _____ necessary which can _____ take place in the realm of the spirit. So do not be surprised when I tell you that you must experience another birth, one which causes you to be the offspring from above."

A person cannot live with a "_____." He is either _____ with a _____, or he is _____ with the life and nature of God. When a person accepts Jesus as Savior the sin nature is removed and that person experiences a "_____." Just as the power of God gave _____ life and caused Mary to carry and give birth to God's life (His Son Jesus), this same power _____ us from the sin nature and causes us to be _____.

The term "born again" _____, "Having experienced a spiritual birth wherein _____ is now your _____; and though you are not _____, you have His _____ life and nature." The result of being born again is that we now have what is referred to as a _____ or, _____ or, _____.

When a person is born in the natural, he is a _____. Over time he will grow and mature. Likewise, when a person is born spiritually he is a "_____."

[Read 1 Cor 3:1 & 1 Peter 2:2]. A natural baby needs _____ that provides _____. Natural "_____ " produces _____ growth and an _____ baby. _____ junk food produces stagnated _____ and an "unhealthy" _____.

[Read Matt 4:4] Proper spiritual nourishment only comes from _____. *Absolutely _____ but what is found in God's in word will provide spiritual nourishment.*

A person who is born again has God's life and nature. God is now his _____. He once had the life and nature of his _____ earthly ancestral father, Adam. Now he has the life

and nature of his spiritual Father, God. He also has his name _____ in the _____
_____. *[Read Philip 4:3 & Rev 21:22-27]*

Since God is now our Father, we have a _____ with Him. This relationship enables us to have _____ with Him. *[Read 1 John 1:3]* In the natural, a child may be the _____ of his father, but that does not mean he has fellowship with him. The same is true in the spirit. We may be God's _____ but that does not mean we have fellowship with Him. A close relationship of fellowship with God is _____ when we _____ in His _____.

When we were _____ (not born again) we did not have either a relationship or fellowship with God. Now that we are born again, God has become our Father. In a most literal sense, we are a closer _____ to God than we are to our _____. He has a _____ that cannot be compared to that of an earthly parent. It is unfair to look at the example of abusive fathers on earth and _____ that God must be the _____. The more we _____ Him, the more we will understand His _____, _____, _____, and _____.

Section One – Part Four

GOD'S PLAN TODAY

God's original plan was corrupted by Adam's sin. Jesus has made it possible for all humanity to be _____ and _____ into a _____ with God and have _____ with Him. Once a person is born again he is called a _____. The word "Christian" literally means, "one who is of Christ." A person is a Christian _____ if he has accepted Jesus as Savior. (Christians are also referred to as _____.) A person is _____ a Christian just because he does good deeds or believes in God and Jesus. Even the _____ believes in God and Jesus, yet he is definitely not a Christian. *[Read Mark 1:21-25; James 1:9]*

The primary goal of a Christian is to _____. *[Read Col 3:13; Eph 5:2; 1 John 4:7-16]* God loved us even before we became Christians *[Read Rom 5:8]*. His love and forgiveness are _____. Our love and forgiveness should be the _____. This kind of love and forgiveness will _____. This kind of love and forgiveness will forgive without _____. Living daily in this kind of love and forgiveness is only possible through a growing fellowship with Jesus so that His _____ in us _____ our actions and decisions. The depth of our _____ is an outward indicator of the depth of our _____ with God. Spiritual maturity produces God's love in and through us.

Just as natural babies are fed to produce growth, Christians are _____ for growing spiritually. Spiritual growth and maturity does not take place by doing things _____ Jesus; spiritual growth takes place through _____ with Jesus and " _____ " our new nature. This feeding process is accomplished through _____. Although _____ play a vital role in nourishing Believers, the ultimate responsibility for spiritual maturity lies with each person.

Christians are supposed to _____ Jesus in all they do. *[Read John 14:12 & 20:21; Acts 1:8; 1 John 4:17]* This is possible because we have His _____. As previously mentioned in this Section, Christians will _____ become _____ but we are to _____ Christ to each other and the world.

All Christians have a specific _____. *[Read 1 Cor 12:27-28 and Eph 4:7-12]* It is the _____ of all Believers to _____ with God so that they can come to identify their calling. People cannot “_____” a calling based on what they like to do or because of what a _____ said to them. A ministry calling originates with God and must be _____ from God.

Along with their ministry calling, Christians are supposed to be active in a church *[Read Heb 10:23-25; Acts 2:43-47 & 4:32-35]*. The Bible portrays Christians as being the _____. *[Read 1 Cor 12:27]*. Since God has given the _____ of the _____ to the Body of Christ, Christians _____ and should have a pastor. It is impossible for a person to become everything God desires if he refuses to _____ and become _____ in a local church. It is the _____ of all Christians to attend the _____ God wants them to attend.

God _____ Christians to be committed to a church and come under the leadership of a pastor. However, they must never _____ above God. *[Read Col 2:8]* If a Believer allows himself to accept _____ that does not line up with _____, he has chosen to _____ what God has established in favor of what man _____. Should this take place, a person can actually begin _____ things that are _____ in scripture as being _____ for Christians. God will only _____ and _____ His truth. Likewise, Christians will only grown and mature spiritually if they _____ truth.

[Read Matthew 4:4, Psalm 119:89, Psalm 1:1-3, 2 Peter 1:4, Acts 20:32]