

What think Ye of the Bible?  
Part 12

The New Birth! (An Introduction, more details will follow in subsequent articles)

The main topic of today's article is the "New Birth." In God's Universe the New Birth is an Objective, Spiritual, Absolute Truth; it is a cardinal doctrine in God's Word, the Bible. The New Birth is an essential requirement to have a Father /son relationship with God. The New Birth is an imperative necessity to gain access to Eternal Life, and thus escape the Wrath of God in an eternal hell. It is available to ALL.

Jesus Christ tells us in John 14:6 KJV

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Please read that again - carefully. No man CAN come to God, the Father without Jesus Christ. Pope Francis recently stated that all religions in the world are just different languages by which others will have access to the same God. What a foolish statement! He is contradicting his own Catholic doctrines. (Side bar: Francis is paving the way for the False One World Ecumenical Religion which will dominate the world during the Eschatological End Times). If my pastor made a false, unbiblical statement like that I would have a conversation with him, and if he did not repent, I would find another Bible believing church.

So, let's get back on track without digressing any further. This same Jesus, who said He is the ONLY way to God, the Father, also said to a high level religious leader in John 3:3 KJV "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."

Please note, Jesus voiced a theological imperative! Access to God's Kingdom necessitates the NEW BIRTH.

Let me clarify. The man Jesus was addressing was Nicodemus, a zealous, meticulously religious keeper of the Law of Moses and the Oral Traditions of the Jewish Elders. He was a member of the Sanhedrin during the days of Jesus, which was the Supreme Court in Israel in the first century.

This man came to Jesus during the night hours and acknowledged that Jesus had the mighty power of God as witnessed by all the miracles He did.

Jesus, being God and having the omniscience of God, knew what Nicodemus really wanted to know.

Nicodemus heard Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom, Matthew 4:17 KJV

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Nicodemus knew that Jesus was referring to the Kingdom that was promised to King David a thousand years ago. During this time of Roman occupation all Israel had high

Messianic expectations. Nicodemus was not sure who Jesus was, but he recognized that he had "Power from Above," and he wanted to find out further details about the Kingdom Jesus was talking about.

Jesus's remark to Nicodemus was very short and succinct. Nicodemus, you want entry into the Kingdom of God? You must be Born Again! In essence, Jesus told him, none of your zealous religious activities are sufficient for the Kingdom, nor is your Abrahamic pedigree a guarantee, instead YOU MUST HAVE ANOTHER NEW BIRTH!

Nicodemus response to Jesus revealed that he did not understand what it meant to be born again.

That should not surprise us. Today there are millions of people - even under the broad Christian umbrella, who have no idea what the new birth is, who yet claim that they are Christians. Having been born into a Christian family does not make one a Christian. Attending or being a member of a Christian church does not make one a Christian. Having been baptized in a Christian church does not make one a Christian.

In our current "Christian" environment there are a multitude of aberrant doctrines being taught by false shepherds to biblically illiterate congregants. Churches are able to incorporate themselves, cover their activities with a thin veneer of Christianity and conduct whatever worship services they deem appropriate.

I yield zero credence to the various research statistics regarding any alleged facts about Christianity. Their focus is typically on the external indicators of movements among denominations, church attendance among demographic groups, and either growth or decline within age groups in relationship to the general population. There is no research done on the true aspect of Christianity, namely the "spiritual" validity of individual claims, churches, groups or denominations.

\*\*\*\*Let it be known that a true Biblical Christian is one who by genuine repentance (Luke 5:32) and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:13), has been regenerated by the Holy Spirit of God (Titus 3:5), has been (spiritually) baptized into the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13) and into Christ (Galatians 3:27), and has thus entered into a vital, objective, spiritual Union with his Savior (John 14:20).\*\*\*\*

This person has, then, been BORN AGAIN - it is a Spiritual Birth! No one can give himself this Spiritual Birth, just as no one can give himself the physical birth. The New Birth is entirely the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit of God. (Disclaimer: This has nothing to do with the unbiblical excesses exhibited within the Charismatic Movement.)

Any person who has been attending a "Christian" church but has never heard these aspects as described in the previous paragraphs, or had never been taught these Biblical

truths should leave that church and find another one, or the people should find themselves a new pastor.

In the next article, I will address the theological grounds why the New Birth is necessary. To do that we must retrace our steps back to the Garden of Eden and see what happened to Adam when he committed cosmic treason against a Holy and Perfectly, Just and Righteous God.

Dear Precious, Heavenly Father!

Please, I beg you! Show people the Truth of your Word, the Bible. May the Holy Spirit Convict and Convert sinners, and adopt them into the Family of God.

With Warm Regards,

Horst Adler

"For I am not ashamed of the  
Gospel of Christ." (Ro.1:16)