

17. BORN AGAIN [NEW BIRTH] – REGENERATION(ANSWERS) INTRODUCTION

Man is a tripartite being.

1Thes 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.(NKJ)

Heb 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.(NKJ)

Gen 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.(NKJ)

He is Spirit(made in the image of God – God is Spirit) that has a soul and lives in a body.

SPIRIT – RELATES TO GOD.

SOUL – RELATES TO SELF (MIND, EMOTIONS AND WILL)

BODY – RELATES TO OTHERS

Man enjoyed fellowship with God in the Garden of Eden. He was covered by God's glory (presence). God warned man that he would die if he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Gen 2:17

"but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.(NKJ)

Rom 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.(NKJ)

Adam did not die physically when he ate the forbidden fruit. In fact physical death came several hundred years later. Adam died spiritually.

Spiritual death = separation from God.

Adam lost the ultimate fellowship he had with God.

This act of disobedience on Adam's part is sin. In sinning Adam not only lost fellowship with God but his spirit became marred and hardened and took on the nature of the devil. We inherited this nature through physical birth.

Rom 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-(NKJ)

Gen 5:3

And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.(NKJ)

John 8:44

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.(NKJ)

Through Adam we have lost God's glory and fellowship and our spirits have become hardened to the things of God. Communion with God is lost.

Rom 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,(NKJ)

Rom 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.(NKJ)

1 Cor 15:22

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.(NKJ)

PROPHECY OF EZEKIEL

Ezek 36:26-27

26"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.(NKJ)

The prophet prophesied that the old heart (spirit) marred by sin will be replaced by a new heart. This is the new birth. This agrees with what Paul states in 2 Cr. 5:17. The one who is born again has the same body and soul but a new spirit. The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord (Prov. 20:27). In the new birth this lamp which went out with the fall is lit again by the Holy Spirit.

Prov 20:27

The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all the inner depths of his heart.(NKJ)

Our spirit is quickened by the Holy Spirit. A resurrection takes place.

John 1:12-13

12But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

13who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.(NKJ)

By virtue of the new birth the believer has 2 natures.

As a result of natural birth, the believer has a carnal, human, Adamic nature with a propensity to sin.

As a result of spiritual birth the believer has a new nature which is after the nature of God and desires the things of God. The Adamic nature is not eradicated at the time of the new birth. The carnal nature (flesh) is contrary to the spiritual nature. The Adamic nature must be overcome by the new nature.

The carnal believer is one who has God's Spirit but is ruled by the carnal nature. He does not allow God's Spirit to lead him.

The carnal nature has a self – focus, it is earthy, demonstrates works of the flesh, wants to sin – follows the first Adam.

The spiritual nature has a Christ focus, is heavenly (1 Cor. 15:47-49), manifests the fruit of the Spirit, desires to serve God, follows the last Adam.

QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS REGENERATION?
2. WHAT ARE THE TERMS USED TO DENOTE REGENERATION?
3. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGENERATION?
4. WHAT ARE THE FEATURES OF REGENERATION AS ILLUSTRATED IN LAZARUS' RESURRECTION SYMBOLICALLY?
5. HOW CAN ONE BE BORN AGAIN? WHAT IS GENUINE BELIEF?
6. THE BORN AGAIN PARABLES.
7. EVIDENCE THAT ONE IS BORN AGAIN.

ANSWERS

1. REGENERATION

REGENERATE – TO BRING INTO EXISTENCE AGAIN.

A NEW BEGINNING.

IT IS THE ACT OF BEING BORN INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD.

John 3:3

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

2. REGENERATION (BORN AGAIN) IS IMPLIED BY THE FOLLOWING TERMS :-

(ALL THESE TERMS DENOTE THE SAME EXPERIENCE)

Titus 3:5

not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, (NKJ)

- RESURRECTION
- ENLIGHTENMENT
- SALVATION
- UNION WITH CHRIST
- RENEWAL
- RECOGNITION
- ERASING
- CONVERSION
- TRANSLATION
- INDWELLING
- ORIGIN
- NEW BIRTH
- SPIRITUAL QUICKENING

AMPLIFICATION

RESURRECTION - PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE/RAISED WITH CHRIST

1John 3:14

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.(NKJ)

Col 3:1

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.(NKJ)

ENLIGHTENMENT- FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

1 Pet 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;(NKJ)

Acts 26:18

'to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.(NKJ)

2 Cor 4:6

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.(NKJ)

SALVATION

Rom.10:9

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

UNION WITH CHRIST – YOU IN ME AND I IN YOU

Rom 7:4

Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another-- to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.(NKJ)

John 14:20

*"At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.
(NKJ)*

Rev 19:7-9

7"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

8And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

*9Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."
(NKJ)*

RENEWAL

Titus 3:5

*not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
(NKJ)*

Col 3:10

and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,(NKJ)

RECOGNITION – KNOW HIM

1John 2:3

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

ERASING – WASHING

Titus 3:5

*not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
(NKJ)*

Acts 22:16

'And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'(NKJ)

CONVERSION

- turning to God
- to come back to God

Acts 15:3

So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren.(NKJ)

Acts 3:19

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,(NKJ)

Ps 19:7

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;(NKJ)

James 5:19-20

*19Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,
20let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.*(NKJ)

TRANSLATION – CONVEYING US

THIS IS A CHANGE IN POSITION.

WAS “in Adam”

NOW “in Christ”

Col 1:13-14

*13He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
14in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*(NKJ)

Eph 1:3-6

*3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
4just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,
5having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
6to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.*(NKJ)

INDWELLING - ABIDES IN US, DWELLS IN US

1John 3:24

Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1Cor.3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

ORIGIN – BECOME NEW

BEGINNING OF A NEW SPECIES.

A NEW CREATION.

NATURAL BIRTH – OLD CREATION OF ADAM.

SPIRITUAL BIRTH – NEW CREATION.

BORN OF THE SPIRIT. NOW A CHILD OF GOD. GOD IS OUR FATHER.

2Cor.5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Eph 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.(NKJ)

James 1:18

Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.(NKJ)

NEW BIRTH

Ezek 36:26

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.(NKJ)

Ps 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.(NKJ)

John 3:3

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

John 3:5-6

5Jesus 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.(NKJ)

BORN OF WATER = NATURAL BIRTH
BORN OF SPIRIT = NEW BIRTH/BORN AGAIN

1 Jn 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.(NKJ)

1 Pet 1:23

having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,(NKJ)

SPIRITUAL QUICKENING – MADE ALIVE

Quicken means to make alive. The human spirit is made alive by the Holy Spirit.

Eph 2:1

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,(NKJ)

Eph 2:5

even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),(NKJ)

Col 2:13

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,(NKJ)

Prov 20:27

The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all the inner depths of his heart.(NKJ)

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR REGENERATION.

REGENERATION OCCURS THROUGH:

3.1 JESUS CHRIST

1 Jn 5:1

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.(NKJ)

Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.(NKJ)

Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."(NKJ)

3.2 HOLY SPIRIT

Titus 3:5

not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, (NKJ)

John 3:5

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

3.3 GRACE

Eph 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,(NKJ)

Rom 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.(NKJ)

3.4 FAITH

Eph 2:8-9

*8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
9not of works, lest anyone should boast.(NKJ)*

Acts 15:8-9

*8"So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,
9"and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. (NKJ)*

3.5 WORD OF GOD

1 Pet 1:23

having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,(NKJ)

3.6 GOD

John 1:13

who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.(NKJ)

4. LAZARUS' RESURRECTION ILLUSTRATES SYMBOLICALLY THE FEATURES OF THE REGENERATION.

THE SIGN OF LAZARUS

REGENERATION IS:

4.1 PERSONAL

John 11:43

Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"(NKJ)

JESUS CALLS BY NAME. THE SAME WITH ZACCHEUS. THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL REALITY.

4.2 LIFE-GIVING

John 11:44

And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."(NKJ)

LAZARUS PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE. IMPARTATION OF LIFE – FROM HORIZONTAL TO VERTICAL.

4.3 AUDITORY EXPERIENCE

LAZARUS HEARD JESUS.

Necessary to hear the voice of God. My sheep hear my voice.

Rom 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.(NKJ)

4.4 A COMING FORTH AND A COMING FROM

LAZARUS CAME OUT OF THE TOMB TO JESUS – from darkness to light. He left the tomb behind.

4.5 INSTANTANEOUS

IMMEDIATELY AFTER JESUS SPOKE LAZARUS CAME FORTH.

4.6 DIVINE ACT

John 11:41-42

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42" And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."(NKJ)

THIS IS AN ACT OF GOD.

4.7 WORD ACT

LAZARUS RESPONDED TO THE WORDS OF JESUS – THE INCORRUPTIBLE SEED.

4.8 ILLUMINATION

LAZARUS PASSED FROM THE DARK TOMB TO LIGHT.

4.9 GRACE ACT

THIS ACT WAS UNMERITTED AND PROMPTED BY JESUS' COMPASSION.

5. STEPS TO BEING BORN AGAIN

MYTHS

- I AM BORN AGAIN BECAUSE I COME FROM A CHRISTIAN FAMILY.
-BECAUSE I PARTAKE OF COMMUNION.
-BECAUSE I AM BAPTISED.
-BECAUSE I DO GOOD WORKS.
-BECAUSE I ATTEND CHURCH

WHEN WE ASK THE QUESTION “ARE YOU SAVED?” – WE MEAN ARE YOU BORN AGAIN.

According to 1John 5:1a which says, *"Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God,"* we note that the new birth results from believing that Jesus is the Christ.

This is the quintessential requirement for entrance into the kingdom of God. Paul told the Philippian jailor in Acts 16:31, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."*

In 1Cor.15:1-4, Paul clarifies what one has to believe in order to be saved:-

1Cor.15:1-4

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received; that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

We notice in Paul's opening statements that we are saved by believing the gospel. Paul states that the gospel encompasses three important facts. One is saved by believing these 3 facts :-

1. JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS

2. HE WAS BURIED

3. HE ROSE AGAIN

Therefore, in order to be saved (born again) one has to believe that Jesus died for one's sins, that He was buried and that He rose again.

The Bible tells us that the devil also believes (James 2:19). Therefore genuine belief in the heart must be accompanied by WORKS for faith without works is dead (James 2:17).

We are saved by grace through faith [faith = believing and acting on that belief (Eph.2:8)].

This can be paraphrased as we are saved by grace through believing the gospel and acting on that belief.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE WORKS THAT RESULT FROM GENUINE BELIEF AND CONFIRM THAT A PERSON IS BORN AGAIN:

[1]. REPENTANCE

Mark 1:15

and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 17:30

"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,"

[2]. RECEIVING CHRIST INTO YOUR HEART

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name:

Rev.3:20

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

[3]. CONFESSION

Rom.10:9

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

From the underlined words it can be seen that the common denominator is BELIEVE.

Luke 19:1-9

1Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

3And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

4So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

5And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

6So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

7But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

8Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

9And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;(NKJ)

THE PROCESSES IN ZACCHAEUS' LIFE DEFINED HIS SALVATION. BECAUSE HE BELIEVED, HE CAME DOWN FROM THE TREE. HE RECEIVED JESUS INTO HIS HOUSE, CALLED HIM LORD AND REPENTED.

6. BORN AGAIN PARABLES

The following parables declared by Jesus distinguish between BORN AGAIN believers and COUNTERFEIT BELIEVERS.

In these parables the BORN AGAIN believer is illustrated by the following :-

[A]. WISE VIRGINS

In Matt.25:13, Jesus relates the parable of the 10 virgins to explain what readiness means. All 10 were virgins and carried lamps. All looked the same. All were professing Christians - they looked separated from the world (virgins) and carried the word of God (the word is lamp unto my feet - Ps.119:105). Five had oil in their vessels (wise) while the other five did not (foolish). The bridegroom took only the five who had oil in their vessels.

Readiness involves ensuring that you have the oil in the 'VESSEL' rather than in the lamp only. The Bible says we have this treasure in earthen vessels (2Cor.4:7). The five wise virgins represent true believers who have accepted

Christ into their hearts (the vessel of man). The five foolish virgins represent believers who have an outward appearance of Christianity but no inward reality. They are not truly born again and are therefore not indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Readiness ensures 'trimming your lamp' (examining yourselves) now, to see whether you are truly born again. Paul said in 2Cor.13:5a, "*Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Prove yourselves...*"

[B]. WHEAT

See Matt. 13:24-30.

The tares represent the false believers.

[C]. THOSE WITH THE WEDDING GARMENT

Matt. 22

The wedding feast is the visible Church. Ones with the wedding garments are the ones who have PUT ON CHRIST (BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS). All the others are false believers.

[D]. EDIBLE FISH

Matt.13:47-48

47 "Again the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away."

The inedible fish are the false believers.

[E]. WORTHY GROUND

See Matt.13:3-8/13;19;23

The worthy ground are those who are BORN AGAIN (SAVED). The rocky ground, thorny ground and the way side represent those who are not really saved.

7. EVIDENCE THAT ONE IS SAVED

MNEMONIC – "SAVED"

SPIRITUAL CONFLICT WHEN ONE SINS

AGAPE LOVE

VICTORY OVER THE FLESH, WORLD AND SATAN

EVIDENCE OF BELIEF

DOING HIS WILL

AMPLIFICATION

SPIRITUAL CONFLICT WHEN ONE SINS

Spiritual conflict and guilt arise as a result of the conflict between the old nature and the Spirit born new nature when one sins. The old nature does not disappear when one is BORN AGAIN.

Gal.5:17

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary to one another: so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Rom.7:23

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Gal 4:6

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"(NKJ)

Rom 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,(NKJ)

AGAPE LOVE

[1]. LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

1John 3:14

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

1John 4:7-8

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

1John 4:12-13;16

12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit..... 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Brotherly love is proof of love for God.

1John 4:20-21

20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

[2]. LOVE FOR THE THINGS OF GOD

Col.3:1-3

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Agape Love is love planted in the Believer by God. Jesus prayed for this in

John 17:26, "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

[3] LOVE FOR HIS WORD

1 Pet 2:2

as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, (NKJ)

[4] LOVE FOR GOD

Rom 5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.(NKJ)

VICTORY OVER THE FLESH, WORLD AND SATAN

[1]. OVERCOMING SATAN

1John 2:13b;14b

13 I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. 14I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

1John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Luke 10:19

"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

[2]. OVERCOMING THE WORLD

1John 5:4-5

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1John 2:15

Do not love the world, or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

James 4:4

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.(NKJ)

[3]. OVERCOMING THE FLESH

Gal.5:24

And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

1John 3:9

Whosoever has been born of God does not sin; for His seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

1John 5:18

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

1John 5:18 [NIV]

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

The New Birth delivers one from sinning habitually.

Rom 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.(NKJ)

THIS THREE – FOLD VICTORY IS RIGHTEOUS LIVING THAT MANIFESTS CHRIST’S NATURE.

EVIDENCE OF BELIEF

1John 5:1

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Acts 17:30

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent

Mark 1:15

and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

[3]. CONFESSION

Rom.10:9

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

1John 4:15

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

DOING HIS WILL

1John 3:24

Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1John 2:3-5

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 but whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.