

To Approach This New Birth – You Have to Go Through a Process

I Peter 1:22-23, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

This is a dying spirit in a dying body; but now, you can't be in two bodies at one time, **but there can be two natures in you at one time.** Now, the nature of the Spirit of the Lord... When you're borned again, you're not borned of physical, like the baby was; but what's happened, **the spiritual birth has come to you. And while this spiritual birth is growing into your heart, of God, there is a physical or a celestial body growing to receive that spirit. And when the life leaves this body, it goes to that body.** Just as when the body is presented to the earth, the spirit comes in, and when the spirit goes out of the body, there is a body waiting. *"For we know that after this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting."* (II Cor. 5:1). See? That's it, **the spiritual body of the people.** [1]

Then, **after you recognized the very Word of God was Eagle Food,** then you left the other thing. You have then been formed into the living image of the living God. **You heard from your theophany.** *"If this earthly body be dissolved, we have one waiting."* [2]

Now, the soul of man is not the body of man, it's the soul. See? **And the soul is something that's the nature of the spirit.** When he said, "We are dead," the Scripture plainly tells us that, *"we are dead, and our lives are hid in God through Christ, sealed there by the Holy Spirit."* (Col. 3:1-3). Now, **it wasn't that your body died; it wasn't your spirit died. It was the nature of your spirit died; see, the nature, which is the soul. The nature of your soul is God, if you're born again.** If it's not, it's of the world. Anything that began has to end, so therefore the only way that you can have Eternal Life is to have a Life that never did begin. And then your life did begin when you were born, when God breathed the breath of life into your nostrils and you became a living soul, then you begin then (Gen. 2:7).

But, that soul that's in there, see, **that soul is what God is working on, see. If He can only get that nature, that spirit, to agree with Him, then that nature dies, the nature and the love of the world dies,** and the things of the world are dead. See? Because, *"If you love the world, or the things of the world, the love of God is not in you."* (I John 2:15-16). See? **And a man must be born again. So,**

this nature has to die, and the nature of God comes and lives in you. And God is the only thing there is that never did begin or never can end.

That's why we're baptized into His Name (*Acts 2:36-39*), that we might come forth in His Name, in His death, in His resurrection, that we rise again, testifying to the world that we have new Life, **that the old man is dead** (*Rom. 6:1-11*). **We buried that first nature.** See? That first nature is gone, and now we are the nature of Him (*II Peter 1:3-7*). **He lives in us, and we don't do our own will. We do His will.** We don't think our own thoughts. The mind, the mind is what thinks. **The mind that was in Christ Jesus is in every believer** (*Phil. 2:5*). See, there is the soul, and that's what we're speaking of. Now, that's the part that I'm thinking of now, that that's within us, the soul. [3]

And as long as you're in this life, you're going to be sticky and have a carnal nature that's going to bother you as long as you live; **but the inside of you, you're borned again** (*John 3:3-8*). And when you're raised up, you're in the likeness of Christ and all the sin is gone from you (*I Cor. 15:47-49*). See? That's the thing. [1]

Well, that's the way the devil does. He brings us down to everything, and shows it so lovely, and will go in and agree with most of the Word of God; **but he won't take all the Word of God.** And that's what we've got to do. **He will say, "I believe that there is such a thing as new birth. But what I think it is, is a change of mind."**

But it isn't a change of mind; it's a new creature (*II Cor. 5:17*). The church doesn't need a face lifting; **it needs a conversion. It needs to be a new creature** (*Gal. 6:15-16*). And unbelief will push you over to one side. Many of them say, "Well, now, I believe that... We believe in the Holy Ghost in our place, but we believe that when we believe God we receive the Holy Ghost." Now, you see how close that is? [4]

What is the new Birth then? **It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen!** See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand, you done something different, you said a creed, you promised to live by a code of rules. **But Christ, the Bible, He is the Word that was revealed to you.** And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, **it's Christ.** Pastor, priest, whatever it might be. **It's Christ in you, that is the revelation that the Church was built upon** (*Matt. 16:13-20*). [5]

Now, the approach to this birth, there is approach to it. **And to approach this birth, you have to go through a process,** just like anything that lives. **Anything that lives again's got to die first.** And you cannot keep your same spirit. You cannot keep your same habits. You cannot keep your same thoughts. You got to die (*John 12:24-25*). You've got to die like He died. You got to die on His altar, like Abel did with his lamb. You got to die with your Lamb. **You got to die, die to your own thinking to be born to His thinking.** Let the mind that was in Christ be in you. You got to think His thoughts.

Now remember, I believe that Jesus Christ says this to every human being on **His first doctrine, "Except a man be born of the water (that's the Word, washing of the water by the Word, Eph. 5:26) and of the Spirit (which is the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit confirming the Word), he cannot see the Kingdom of heaven."** (John 3:1-8). Do you believe that? See? Of the water, washing of the water by the Word, **Word and Truth**, He is the Truth. **Water and Spirit**, the Spirit coming with the Word to confirm the Word, making God live in me... See? **We cannot understand the Kingdom of heaven till that's happened.** Then when that begins to happen, **that we see the Word in us**, born of the Word and of the Spirit, **manifesting Itself**, leading me not away from the Word; **the Spirit leads me to the Word, and the Word living in me, making God manifest in your life**, you'll never understand the Kingdom of God and can no wise enter into it. [6]

Anybody knows, as I've said before: **a birth is a mess**; I don't care where it's at. If a birth's in a barn, it's a mess. If it's in the house, it's a mess. If it's in the hospital in a pink, decorated room, it's a mess. A birth is always a mess. **And the new birth is nothing less; it's a mess:** crying and boo-hooing, just crying, stammering lips, and all kinds of going-on. **It's a mess, but it brings Life.** It's the only way that you can do it. [7]

Not turn a new page, **but actually die and be born again.** See? **You've got to feel so guilty when you stand in His Presence.** Whether you go the Methodist way, or the Baptist way, or whatever way you go, **you've got to be so guilty and feel so guilty till you... It'll kill you.** That's right. It'll kill you. Your worldly life will die right there. **You've got to reckon yourself so guilty in the Presence of God until your worldly life dies right there (Luke 5:1-11).** **The sin question's over for you when you're standing in His Presence.** When you look like that, you're sure to live, because you die. **And the only way you can live again is to die first so you can live again.**

Now, you see what I'm coming to, don't you, what the birth is, the new birth. **First, to die, in order to be born again... (John 12:20-25).** **And if you still got the things of the world in you, you're not born again (I John 2:15).** And how you going to claim to be born again and still with the things of the world hanging on you? See? How can you do it? [6]

The last three messages (justification, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost), **the last three church ages form the complete birth.** Just like when a woman is going to have her baby. The actual first thing happens is **water**; the next thing's **blood**; the next thing's **life**. When they killed Jesus at the cross, the substance came from His body to make up the new birth. They stuck His side, blood and water came out, and *"Into Thy hands I commend My Spirit"* (John 19:30-34). What came from His body was water, blood, spirit. I John 5:6-8 tells you about that.

There are three that bear record in heaven: **the Father, the Word (which is Christ), and the Holy Ghost, and these three are One.** And the three that bear record in earth is the water, blood, and spirit, and they agree in one (*I John 5:7-8*).

You can be justified without being sanctified. You can be sanctified without receiving the Holy Ghost. It's exactly. The disciples in John 17:17-19 were sanctified and given power to cast out devils and still didn't have the Holy Ghost. See? Sure. Had to go up to Pentecost and wait till the Holy Ghost come (*Acts 1:10-14*). That's where Judas showed his colors. **See how that spirit worked its way through justification and sanctification, but when it come to the end, he showed his color.** That's right. [8]

"For he that is born of God does not and cannot commit sin; for the seed of God remains in him: and he cannot sin..." (I John 3:9)

The Seed of God is the Word of God. "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing the Word (*Rom. 10:17*), **The Sacrifice was made. It's all over.**"

Now, if you do wrong, God will make you pay for it. But if you do, you're wrong, **you don't do it willingly.** *Hebrews 10:26*, "For if we sin willfully after we received the knowledge of the Truth." **But after you're once born, you have the Truth; not the knowledge of It, but you have accepted the Truth and It's become a reality. And you're a child of God, for time and Eternity.** [9]

You see? Sometimes those trials come just to try us. And every son that cometh to God must be chastised of God (*Heb. 12:4-11*). **And if we cannot stand chastisement, then we are illegitimate children** and not the children of God. Brother, **there's something about Christianity, that when a man is born again, it puts something in him that keeps him** (*I John 5:18*). **Now, there's just something in there that does something to him.** Sure. Now, I didn't come over on the Lord's side over here just to have a good time. I come over here **because I love Him.** And I must help Him bear the burden. [10]

Divine healing is an act of faith in the finished work of Calvary. That's just as purely the Gospel as I know how to place it. It's a **finished work** that Christ died for at Calvary. *"He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed."* (*I Peter 2:21-24; Isaiah 53:4-5*).

Now, **healing is not on the same basis as salvation. When you're borned again,** you receive a new spirit, new Life, **Immortal, cannot die.** But when you're healed, it's just an attribute of the Divine love of God that healed you temporarily for a while. **Your body must be borned again just like your soul.** [11]

Now, Lord, but for the greatest of all healing! **If You heal their physical body** from cancer, TB, pneumonia, something, **they'll get sick again, no doubt, if they live very long, for their body is still under sin, the curse. But let them get the real Divine healing, the healing of the soul, which makes a new creature,** passes from death unto Life (*John 5:24*), and then waiting in this old tabernacle for the redemption of the body (*Rom. 8:22-23*) after the soul has been redeemed. Grant it, Lord. [12]

The Bible said that an illegitimate, called "bastard child," could not enter the congregation of the Lord for ten generations, which would be four hundred years that an illegitimate child could not come into the congregation of the Lord (*Deut.* 23:2). That's how bad that hybriding was; that was a woman that let another man live with her in order to bring forth a child, that that child was hybrid, not by its father but by some other man. See? And that was so evil before God, it taken ten generations to ever breed that out again, before God.

But that doesn't apply to this age. You have a new birth now. They had just one birth back there, that was the actual sexual breeding. **We have this new birth now which is the spiritual, that breeds out all the cull. And we are new creatures in Christ Jesus, borned again of the Spirit of God:** new creatures. And the word "creature," comes from the Greek word of "a new creation." (*Gal.* 6:15). Oh, the same as you are a creature here born sexually, **you are then a new creation borned heavenly. In God's new creation of a new man. New creation, that's a birth. But it has to be a birth. Just the same as the natural birth is necessary, the spiritual birth is just as necessary as the natural birth.**

A young couple might get married and say, "Our first little boy, we're going to call John." If he's never born, John's never here. That's all. The same thing, you might... How many mythical ideas you build up about heaven, how great it is, **if you're not born again you'll not be there.** That's all. See? It's just got to be that way, **'cause it's got to be a birth.** God has laid His laws down and everything works according to His laws. See? [13]

We got an oak tree out here. Every year, all through the winter, the old oak tree packs its leaves just the same. Spring of the year, there's the old leaf on the tree. You don't have to go pick them off. **Just let the new life come up, the old leaf goes off. When a man's really born again, woman or man, the old life drops away; the new life comes in and takes its place.** Just let them get right with God, then you can notice. By their fruits you shall know them (*Matt.* 7:15-20). [14]

And now you are His. Oh, because He is, we have the right to all that He has purchased for us. **Every promise in the Bible is yours. It belongs to you, when this Token is upon you and God has sealed you** (*Eph.* 1:13-14). Now we want to check ourselves just for a moment. **When God has given you the true baptism of the Holy Spirit, then the Life of Jesus Christ is within you** (*Gal.* 2:19-20). Now, that's true, and every theologian will have to admit that to be. Yes, sir. **It's the new Birth. You are borned anew, of the Holy Ghost** (*Titus* 3:4-6). And because that God has did this, and you know you're no good in yourself (*Rom.* 3:8-12; 7:18), **and you accept what God has did,** then He seals you into His Kingdom, by the Holy Spirit (*Eph.* 4:30). **And everything that Jesus purchased and promised you, in the Bible, is yours. It's your property because it's paid for.** Amen. **Life is mine;** He paid for it (*John* 5:24). Life is yours; He paid for it (*I Cor.* 3:21-23). **Healing is mine;** He paid for it (*I Peter* 2:24). Healing is yours; He paid for it. **Freedom is mine;** He paid for it. **Heaven is mine;** He paid for it. He has paid the price. Everything He purchased belongs to the man **that holds the Token.** [15]

This is my Message to the Church now. **If you're standing on God's Word and with God's Word**, every amen, every jot, every tittle. Where are you standing? I'm trying to tell you, pull away from them shucks. And get out here in the wheat, where you can get ripe before the Son. I hear the coming of the combine. **You're standing complete, justified, like you never did it in the first place** (*Rom. 8:30*). Hallelujah!

Talk about a thanksgiving! I feel real good. I'm more thankful for that than anything I know of.

You are the pure, virtuous, sinless Bride of the Son of the living God. Every man and woman that's born of the Spirit of God, and washed in the Blood of Jesus Christ, and believes every Word of God, stands as though you never sinned at the first place. You are perfect. The Blood of Jesus Christ! [16]

And now there are many things, in talking about my natural birth, there are many things in my natural birth that I can't brag on. I'll tell you, I ain't got nothing to brag on. My mother was a sinner, to begin with; my father was a sinner. And they come out of a bunch of cutthroats and gun-fighters, and most of them died with their boots on; drunks and bootleggers, and everything else, out of Kentucky. My mother, a half Indian. And I've got nothing to brag on. I can't brag on my family tree.

But, glory to God, there is one thing **I can brag on, my Second Birth, which comes from Jesus Christ. I can brag on that Parent that we have, for He is my Father. He is my Saviour. He is my Redeemer. I can brag on everything that He has done for me, because now I become His son.** I am no more a son of Charles Branham, **I'm a son of Jesus Christ.** That's right. I can brag on my Birth now. I can't brag on my first birth, there is nothing, I'm ashamed of that. **But I'm not ashamed of my Second Birth.** No, no. How did He do it? "By the washing of the water by the Word." That's right. [17]

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[4] "Unbelief Does Not Hinder God" (62-0128M), par. E35

[5] "Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed" (63-0728), par. 234

[6] "You Must Be Born Again" (61-1231M), par. 64, 207, 69-70

[7] "Palmerworm, Locust, Cankerworm, Caterpillar" (59-0823), par. 229-230

[8] "The Third Seal" (63-0320), pg. 251

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[11] "Hear Ye Him" (58-0301E), par. E17

[12] "The God Of This Evil Age" (65-0801M), par. 189

[13] "The Ten Virgins" (60-1211M), par. 41-43

[14] "I Am The Resurrection And The Life" (52-0810A), par. E44

[15] "The Token" (63-1128E), par. 153

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