



Scriptures and Doctrine :: "Except a man be born again..."

"Except a man be born again... - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/12 17:17

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Religion will not give you eternal life...You must have His Spirit within you to enter into the kingdom of God.

First, take Jesus as your Savior from sin, and invite His Spirit to live within you, and you will have eternal life - because He is eternal life.

Re: "Except a man be born again... - posted by ceedub, on: 2009/5/12 17:28

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The quote from Ezekiel is similar to Jer 31 and contains the OT promise of the New Cov't. The New Cov't is contrasted with the Mosaic in that, instead of God saying, 'if you... then' type statements, He instead simply asserts the 'I wills' of the New Cov't.

When you look at the wording of the above verses, it seems to show a work of God, one that I can't do myself.

Was Jesus simply stating again that what was impossible with men is possible with God?

(EDIT: I wrote before I saw the addition to the bottom of your post. Good one)

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/12 17:41

The Old Testament Saints looked forward to the Messiah, and we look backward.

They were justified by faith as we are.

Re: - posted by ceedub, on: 2009/5/12 18:28

My point is that 'being born again' I would see in scripture as being 'quickenened' or 'made alive', or regeneration as most term it. I don't see it as something you can do to yourself anymore than a baby can born itself.

I'm not disagreeing with you, just pointing out that what some would deem a command, is actually a statement of what God Himself must do, as was quoted from Ezekiel.

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/12 19:05

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Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2009/5/12 21:15

Who's Faith?

Galatians 2:16-21 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Or as much to say, if righteousness comes by anything I do, then Christ is dead in vain and Christ is of none effect to us.

1 Corinthians 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

Even worse words, if I have anything to do with my salvation or keeping it.

Galatians 5:1-4 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, who soever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

Circumcision and the Law are by man exercising his abilities in the flesh, which is of none effect to us if Christ be our justification and righteousness.

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Not my works lest any man should boast. Not my faith lest I should have anything to do with my salvation. So how are we saved?

Ephesians 2:4-9 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

We know we have no Grace, we know we have a measure of faith, so "that not of yourselves" is pertaining to Faith, which unto salvation has no measure in ourselves, but is of Jesus Christ by Grace through His Faith. Gal 2:16 and 20

Oh boy, I opened a can of worms now, for we only respond to The Father by the Faith of His Son, Jesus Christ given to us by the Grace of God and birthed in us by Incorruptable Seed and quickened by the Holy Spirit. Lest how can we see the things of the Kingdom of God, only by the Christ that is in us.

Colossians 1:27-29 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles ; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Who's working?

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/12 21:58

The, only law that was fulfilled was the Ceremonial law, which was nailed to the cross.(I hope, that, I will not have to post concerning the Ceremonial law again.) If the Ceremonial law had not been fulfilled, we would, still sacrifice animals.

In Psalm 119, the word, "Word," is used interchangeably with, "law," "commandments," "precepts," "judgments," "statutes," "testimonies."

HIS WORD IS HIS LAW.

Jesus said, "Not every one that SAITH, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that DOETH the will of My Father which is in heaven.

MANY will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I NEVER KNEW YOU: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." (lawlessness) Mt 7:21-23.

"And hereby we do know that we know Him, IF WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. He that saith, I KNOW HIM, and keepeth not His commandments is a LIAR and the Truth is not in him: But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected." 1 John 2:3-5..

And why did Jesus say, "He that rejecteth Me and receiveth not My Words, hath one that judgeth him, THE WORD THAT I HAVE SPOKEN, THE SAME SHALL JUDGE HIM IN THE LAST DAY." John 12:48.

HIS WORD/HIS LAW shall judge each one of us, on the day of judgment.

So, why did the Apostle John write, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: FOR SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW.

And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.

Whosoever abideth in Him (walks in His Spirit) sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, NEITHER KNOWN HIM.

Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous.

He that committeth sin is of the Devil; for the Devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the Devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God,

neither he that loveth not his brother.

So, why did the Apostle Paul write, "For as many as have sinned in the law SHALL BE JUDGED BY THE LAW; For not the hearers of the law are just before God, BUT THE DOERS OF THE LAW SHALL BE JUSTIFIED." Rom 2:12,13.

Jesus said, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15.

Jesus said, "He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, HE IT IS THAT LOVETH ME: and He that loveth Me SHALL BE LOVED OF MY FATHER, AND I WILL LOVE HIM, and will manifest Myself to him." John 14:21.

"And this is love that we walk after His commandments." 2 John 6.

When Jesus gave us the "Two Greatest Commandments," He was quoting the law. Deut 6:5; Lev 19:18.

"Then one of them which was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, Master which is the great commandment IN THE LAW?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Deut 6:5. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Lev 19:18. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." 1 John 5:2,3.

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions ("of the law" 1 John 3:4) from us... TO SUCH AS KEEP HIS COVENANT AND TO THOSE THAT REMEMBER HIS COMMANDMENTS TO DO THEM." Ps 103.

Why does the Apostle John write, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have RIGHT to the tree of life, AND MAY ENTER IN through the gates into the city." Rev 22:14.

"But be ye DOERS of the Word, and not hearers, only, DECEIVING yourselves." Ja 1:22.

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/12 22:04

Rom 15:26 refers to "the obedience of faith."

"By faith Abraham...obeyed." Heb 11:8.

"Even so faith if it hath not works is dead, being alone.

Yea a man may say, Thou hast faith and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble.

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Was not Abraham our father (Ga 3:7,29) JUSTIFIED BY WORKS, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? (In response to the command of God)

SEEST THOU HOW FAITH WROUGHT WITH HIS WORKS, AND BY WORKS WAS FAITH MADE PERFECT?

And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith Abraham believed God (faith & works), and it was imputed to him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

YE SEE THEN HOW THAT BY WORKS A MAN IS JUSTIFIED AND NOT BY FAITH ONLY..For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2.

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Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/5/13 17:27

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-----I agree with you, it is an act of God. But, "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Rom 10:17. God does His part, and we respond in faith.

For a man to be justified by God does not mean that he is passive in this salvation. God requires men to call out for salvation. Whoso ever calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

Regeneration is God's work and no man can do it apart from God but God does have men active in the role of repentance and faith towards Him. It is true that these things are "made" available by God to all but that does not mean that men are passive in this repenting and calling out for salvation.

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What are we going to say to God in that day? I talked a lot about the gospel and theology about it. How much better it will be for men who have lived and shared the gospel in their lives and walks at the judgement seat of Christ.

Christ came to take away sin that it shall not have dominion over us. May we walk in this reality of the New Birth and not talk about it as much.

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/13 17:40

I have people challenging me all the time about being born again. There are atheists in the Christian forum on one Canadian website. There are, also, Catholics who do not think, that, they need to be born again.

My desire is to give them a choice - choose life or choose death.

That is what we are all about, isn't it?

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Even though it is true that God does the work in us, this does not nullify our responsibility to obey the call to repent (Mark 1:15; Luke 13:3; Rev 2:22; etc.), believe (John 1:12; Mark 1:15; etc.), and be baptized (Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3).

And yet still, we must continue in obedience that requires a conscious "joint effort" between God and us. We must continually die to self (Luke 9:23-24), practice biblical doctrine (1 Tim. 4:16), and endure unto the end (Rev. 21:7; Matt. 24:13), be holy (2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Pet. 1:15) and do good works (James 2:24; Rev 22:12; Mark 13:34).

Here is what the primitive Christians said:

Justin Martyr – “For neither would a man be worthy of reward or praise if he did not of himself choose the good, but was merely created for that end. Likewise, if a man were evil, he would not deserve punishment, since he was not evil of himself, being unable to do anything else than what he was made for” (Cyprian on the Unity of the Churches sec. 5).

Clement of Alexandria – “Neither praise nor condemnation, neither rewards nor punishments, are right if the soul does not have the power of choice and avoidance, if evil is involuntary” (Clement Maximus, Sermon 55).

Archelaus – “All the creatures that God made, He made very good. And he gave to every individual the sense of free will, by which standard He also instituted the law of judgment...” (M. Felix Octavius chaps. 8, 12; Tertullian the Shows chaps. 20, 24).

Methodius – “Those who decide that man does not have free will, but say that he is governed by the unavoidable necessities of fate, are guilty of impiety toward God Himself, making Him out to be the cause and author of human evils” (Tertullian Apology chap. 39).

Origen - "He makes Himself known to those who, after doing all that their powers will allow, confess that they need help from Him."

Clement - "To save the unwilling is the act of one using compulsion; but to save the willing, that of one showing grace."

Brother, be careful not to head down the path of fatalism. Remember the reply of the new owner of the John Wesley picture, "it's a joint effort". Our effort is to die; God still gets all the glory.

Was it a command or statement?
I say it was a command and a statement.

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/13 19:21

When Adam sinned, we were in his loins, and were born sinners, that, is why we need a Savior.

Let me ask you, do you tell people how to be born again?

How about visiting www.canadiancontent.net, and help me to bring them to Christ.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2009/5/13 22:01

Philippians 3:9 And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Law is Law, be it Federal, State, Local, Judicial, Ceremonial, or any other way of doing any works to make ones own self righteous.

If I think by anything I do in the Law or works, which is what makes Law the principle of works in me doing something to keep myself righteous by my own effort, then, "Christ profit you nothing".

2 Thessalonians 3:1-4 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

By whom that is faithful, do we have Faith?

The Faith of the Son of God is the only Faith that establishes us and keeps us from evil. Not works lest any man should boast. My Works will show the Faith that I have and that is the Faith of the Son of God, or as scripture says it; Faith Son of God.

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The Law has killed me, that is circumcision Law or uncircumcision Law. How was I killed with Christ? "I was crucified with Christ", yet I live, (how can this be?) By the Faith of the Son of God, in the "the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith Son of God. Loving and giving Himself for me.

God does not reckon this Faith to me because of a small amount of obedience, for I am still learning obedience by the Faith of Christ and the quickening of the Holy Spirit and the things I still suffer in the Flesh, is how I learn obedience, Just as Christ learned obedience.

I am truly crucified with Christ, dead to sin and alive unto God by the Incorruptable Seed of the Word of God in me, give n birth over my natural birth and born again, unto God my Father.

What has God done with my old life? He killed it, and not only that, He buried it, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me".

My stinking corpse is no more. For my new live is in the Son of God. Born of God, never to commit sin again. That is my new birth right. I as a man, not having a flesh body like Christ, can commit a sin and then I have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ. How can God be so faithful and just to forgive me sin that I as a man in the old flesh commit and then cleanse me from all unrighteousness? By the Faith, life, righteousness, sanctification, justification and redemption of Jesus Christ birthed in me.

1Jo 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1Jo 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His Seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Who's Seed remaineth in us?

Now if a man sin; not he who is born of God, for He cannot sin.

1 John 1:8-10 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Who is the we? Any man or woman.

1 John 2:1-6 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. (((And if any man sin,))) we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

I will not walk perfect and some days I still smell of the old deadness of my flesh, But the Christ in me is now my life and by His Faith I will confess my sin and learn obedience by the things I suffer and God Is Faithful and Just to forgive all my sin and cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

What a Savior.

I will not say anymore on this subject, I could talk forever, but unless the Holy Spirit reveal the Life of Christ in the believer, all this is nonsense using scripture out of context and any other contrivance man can muster to say this is untrue.

In Christ: Phillip

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"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: YEA, WE ESTABLISH THE LAW." Rom 3:31.

The, only, law that was fulfilled was the Ceremonial law, which pointed to Calvary. Circumcision is now of the heart, washings are baptism, the Sabbath Feast Days were fulfilled:

Passover: Our Passover Lamb

Unleavened Bread: He was without sin

Tabernacles: "He tabernacled among us"

If the Ceremonial law had not been fulfilled, we would, still, sacrifice animals.

CEREMONIAL LAW:

1. Is called, "the law contained in ordinances." Eph 2:15
2. Was spoken by Moses. Deut 31:24-26
3. Was written by Moses in a book. 1 Chron 17:18
4. Was placed in the side of The Ark. Deut 31:24-26
5. Was nailed to the cross. Col 2:14
6. Was abolished by Christ. Eph 2:15

THE TEN COMMANDMENT COVENANT:

1. Is called, the "royal law" Ja 2:8
2. Was spoken by God. Deut 4:12,13
3. Was written with the finger of God. Ex 31:18
4. Was placed inside The Ark. Ex 40:20; Heb 9:4
5. Is to "stand forever and ever" Ps 111:7,8.
6. Was not destroyed by Christ. Mt 5:17,18.

James 2:10,11 tells us, that, if we break any of the Ten Commandments, we are transgressors of the law and are guilty of breaking all of them.

A sign of The Antichrist is "...he thinks to change times and laws." Dan 7:25. There is, only, one time in His Covenant - the Sabbath.

Rome says, "Of course the Catholic Church claims the change was her act...and the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters." Thomas, H.F., Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons, in answer to a letter regarding t

he change.

Again, Rome says, "It's (Sunday's change for Saturday) the MARK of our authority to overrule God's law." Father Enright, C.S.S.R., President of Redemptorist College, History of the Sabbath, p. 802.

"Sunday is our MARK of authority...The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact." The Catholic Record, Sept 1, 1923.

"The Bible says, 'Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.' The Catholic Church says, 'No! by my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day, and command you to keep holy the first day of the week. And, lo! The entire civilized world bow down in reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church.'" Father Enright.

Have you heard of St. Malachy's prophesy, posted on the web by the Catholic Church? He was an Irish Catholic Bishop who visited Rome in 1139. He had a vision of all the popes until the time of the end. He said, that, the last pope would "reign amidst many tribulations, and then the dreadful judge would come and destroy the city." If this was a vision from God, there will be, only, one more pope. Jesus is coming back as a judge.

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Amen and Amen

How have we managed to take the simple gospel of Jesus and turned it into something to intellectually debate. Jesus came to set the captive free. The thought that also comes to mind is that we are to share this glorious simple gospel with love and compassion. Getting along side people just where they are at and seeking to love them to Christ.

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/14 6:38

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By assuming you mean the gospel or written word of God: Can one who has heard neither still believe there is a God and by faith living in the conviction of that belief, be justified?

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/14 10:10

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Obey His every Word.

His Word/His law shall judge each one of us. So, be doers of His Word, and He will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Re: , on: 2009/5/14 10:25

Before Jesus came on the scene, how was justification arrived at? . . . and even after He came on the scene the requirement didn't change.

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/14 10:27

The Old Testament Saints looked forward to the cross, we look backward...We, all are justified by faith in the Word of God.

Re: , on: 2009/5/14 10:43

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Re: , on: 2009/5/14 11:12

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Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/14 11:14

It's not what I say, it's what the Word of God says.

Re: , on: 2009/5/14 13:02

I understand. Whatever you say.

Re: - posted by rnieman, on: 2009/5/14 13:06

Greg wrote

Quote:
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. Very well put, thank you

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/14 14:31

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Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/15 6:58

That is true...know the Word of God, before you can share it!

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Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2009/5/15 7:00

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Are you a "oneness" Pentecostal?

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2009/5/15 8:30

ceedub wrote in the beginning of this thread...

Quote:
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Gen 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

In this section of Scripture we do not find the word "if" but "will." Just like that in the famous Scriptures of Ezekiel and Jeremiah.

Just a thought for the berean....

In Christ
Jeff

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That is good. I can suppose then that you know the "Word" of God is now a Person?

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/15 9:17

Yes...but we need to search the Scriptures daily, whether what we are taught is so. There is no substitute for His Word - that is how we know what He has planned for us. Obedience to the Scriptures demonstrates, that, we serve Him.

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James 2:10,11 tells us, that, if we break any of The Ten Commandment Covenant, we are transgressors of the law, and are guilty of breaking all of them.

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Suit yourself.

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/15 10:00

Do you share the gospel? I do.

Re: , on: 2009/5/15 10:16

There can be no doubt that with diligence anyone can make converts to themselves however, your gospel is incomplete and will sustain no one in Christ.

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A Question; Just what does it mean to be born again?

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In Christ: Phillip

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I am searching to see Christ love when we interact with people who do not agree with us. Trying trying trying to make this a reality IN MY OWN LIFE -SO no offense against anyone.

I appreciate the way we are interested in God- in the bible -in salvation of souls- That is so beautiful.

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/15 20:23

When you are born again, you have His Spirit within you. All He waits for, is to have you ask Him to live within you.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2009/5/16 1:10

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1 John 4:17-19 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

:19

(((((We love him, because He first loved us.))))

What does the rebirthing mean to the believer that is born again? An exchanged life? A new race of God, in His birthed children? All in All? If I am dead, how was I resurrected to new life? What is corruptible seed? What is Incorruptable Seed. Who is the Word of God? John 1:1-4 How are we born again? By the Seed, (sperma)of God, same as Mary by the Holy Spirit.

He is made unto us; 1 Corinthians 1:23-31 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see you r calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, (((who of God is made unto us)))) wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

If Christ is in us and the scripture plainly say He is, how do we react to this Son of God Jesus Christ that is now our life, and the given Holy Spirit who teaches us all things, even thing we don't understand.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him.

Philippians 3:13-16 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: (((and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.)))) Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

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Interesting. Can you show from the scriptures where God ever did that, arbitrarily that is? To be more clear: Can you show where God ever placed the Nature of Himself in any unrighteous soul who first didn't come to Him? My thoughts in asking keep going back to the story of the "brazen serpent". Do you remember that story?

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2009/5/16 22:36

Deuteronomy 10:15 Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

Joh 6:70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

Joh 13:18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

Joh 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Joh 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

2Th 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:

Chosen;

Strong's Greek Dictionary

1586. eklegomai

Search for G1586 in KJVSL

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middle voice from 1537 and 3004 (in its primary sense); to select:--make choice, choose (out), chosen.

This part of Ephesians man does not want to keep in his heart, but God has already done it and we cannot by what we do change our sonship, even if "I" rebel, I am still a son. Just like I rebelled against my earthly father, and so I am still his son, by Birth. So I am a son by my Heavenly Father in my rebirth, even if I rebel at times, He is Still "Our Father".

Ephesians 1:3-23 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of

his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of time s he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

In Christ: Phillip

Chosen;

Re: , on: 2009/5/17 8:44

I asked this Phillip:

"Can you show from the scriptures where God ever did that, arbitrarily that is?"

There was nothing arbitrary about God's choosings in what you posited.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2009/5/17 9:55

There is never anything arbitrary in what God chooses or does, it is always in the counsel of His own will, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: , on: 2009/5/17 9:58

Quote:

Christinyou wrote:

There is never anything arbitrary in what God chooses or does, it is His own will.

In Christ: Phillip

True however, it is a will that cannot violate the attributes of God; of Himself. If it could the "Brazen Serpent" account would have been unnecessary.

Re: , on: 2009/5/17 17:58

I appreciate you sscr01

In His Love,
Elizabeth

Re: - posted by sscr01, on: 2009/5/17 18:02

Thank you, Elizabeth...I want to feed His sheep.