

# Resurrected Living

1 John 5:1-5



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There are many people who take the name of "Christian" to themselves, assuming that all people, if not of some other religion, are *Christian*. This is not true, as we will see in today's study.

### 1. The Christian Is A Supernatural Being

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Our text begins with "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God". That which makes a Christian is not the mere faith of man. We are not Christians because we made ourselves Christians. There are no "self made" Christians, like there are "self made men" or "self made millionaires".

Christians are made when two things occur: (1) The prospective Christian *believes* on Jesus, that **He is the**

**Christ** or the Messiah, and (2) When God the Holy Spirit causes New Birth in the believer.

"Jesus Christ" is not our Lord's name. His *name* is "Jesus", but His *function* or *title* is "Christ". When a person confesses that **Jesus is the Christ**, calling on Him as Savior and Lord, then the Holy Spirit of God comes to that person to cause them to be *born again*.

Our Lord taught us that you *must* be **born again**:

**John 3:5-7 KJV** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.** (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

The Christian is a person who is **born again**, born - not of the flesh, but of the Spirit of God. The Bible says in this place:

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**Whosoever believeth** is the *Present Active Participle* of a Greek word<sup>1</sup> which means, literally, *to keep on having*

<sup>1</sup> G4100 πιστεύω pisteuō *pist-yoo'-o* From G4102; to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), that is, *credit*; by implication to *entrust* (especially one's spiritual well being to Christ): - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with. (Strong's Hebrew and

*faith in*. Those who are **born again** are **newly created beings**. Our *spiritual DNA* is remade, and God writes certain things in the heart of the Christian.

What does the Spirit of God write in the heart of the Christian? He writes the *sure knowledge* that Jesus is **the Christ**, the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

One day Jesus, as He **came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi** asked His disciples:

**Matthew 16:13 KJV ... Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?**

The disciples responded in a variety of ways. Some said that Jesus was **John the Baptist**, others answered **Elijah**, and yet others said **Jeremiah, or one of the prophets**. These are all answers that come from the sons of men, the unconverted, those who are *not* born again. Men - even today - suppose that Jesus Christ is a *great Teacher* or a *great Prophet*, the founder of the Christian religion - yet only a man. Jesus then asked His disciples:

**Matthew 16:15 KJV** He saith unto them, But **whom say ye that I am?**

Peter immediately responded with **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God**. Jesus told Peter:

**Matthew 16:17 KJV ... Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-**

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**jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father** which is in heaven.

The knowledge that **Jesus is the Christ** can only come through God the Holy Spirit. This is not a doctrine nor a truth that can be understood by the sons of men. Why was a Savior needed? Why did sin come into the world through Adam? Why did it require that Jesus die on that old Rugged Cross? How do we know that His death was efficacious and cleansing? The children of men can develop question after question, struggling within themselves with the *very idea* that **Jesus is the Christ**, the only Savior.

Yet the child of God, born again by the operation of the Holy Spirit, has this knowledge *written into his spiritual DNA*. The knowledge that **Jesus is the Christ** is like the Rock of Gibraltar, a certain truth. We believe it. *Not* because flesh and blood taught us this truth,, but because Jesus Christ - through the operation of that Blessed Spirit - taught us that truth.

Once this code, this *eternal truth* is written into our hearts, God the Spirit goes farther and writes the very essence of God's character into our hearts.

Just as a child will have the blood type of it's father, or the eye and hair coloring of it's mother or it's grandparents, the Christian has *the heart type* of the Father.

God foretold of a time (**Jeremiah 31:31-33**) when He would **make a new covenant** with His people. The Lord said "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people". This is one of the reasons *why* the Christian *is not* under the Mosaic Law, nor under the *Ten Commandments of God*. The Ten Commandments were given to the world by God:

**Galatians 3:24-26 KJV** Wherefore **the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. (25) But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. (26) For ye are all the children of God by faith** in Christ Jesus.

to lead man to Christ our Savior.

Once we are led to Christ, we are *no longer under that Mosaic Law*. We are, as Sons of God by faith in Christ Jesus, under *not the Law of Moses, but the Law of Christ*.

The Spirit of God, when He caused us to be **born again**, brought us out from under the Mosaic Law (including the Ten Commandments) and wrote the Law of God - His character of holiness - into our hearts. The hand of God has written

**Hebrews 8:6-10 KJV** [Jesus] is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better

promises. (7) For if that first covenant [the Mosaic Law] had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. (8) For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: (9) Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. (10) For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people"**

Our Lord Jesus Christ (**Hebrews 12:24**) is the **mediator of the new covenant**, a covenant not based on written codes but a covenant written in our hearts. The Christian, **born again** by the operation of the Spirit, is a *living testament to the supernatural saving power of God*.

As the Bible says:

**2 Corinthians 3:3 KJV ... ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not**

**in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

Listen Beloved:

Christians *are supernatural beings*, made so by the Spirit of God. We are not as those who do not believe, nor should we try to be as the unbeliever. The Bible teaches that we are **strangers and pilgrims** on this earth.

We are new creatures, designed to serve Christ our Savior. The Apostle said:

**1 Peter 2:11 KJV Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;**

As Children of God, priests after the order of Melchizedek (**Hebrews 6:20; 7:11; 7:15-21**), we are commanded by the Scripture to avoid sin and follow Christ *because the ways of the world war against our souls*.

We are supernatural beings, made alive by the Spirit of God. Those who do not know Christ are *not supernatural beings*, but are creatures yet of this world. They are *dead in sin* and need salvation through Jesus the Christ.

## 2. The Christian Is A Supernatural Being Who Loves

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The first statement we want to look at is "every one that loveth him that begat [Jesus] loveth him also that is begotten of him." A simpler way to say this is, "Christians love Christians".

Those who are *supernaturally born again by the power of the Spirit of God* love other believers. This is one of the codes written in our hearts - love for one another.

Jesus told us that this is ....

**John 13:34-35 KJV** **A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.** (35) By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

This is not a part of the Mosaic Law. This is a **new commandment**, a commandment that cannot be mandated nor given to the world at large. Only

Christians can fulfill this commandment, because only Christians are *supernatural beings* designed to keep this commandment. Jesus reiterated this later in the Scripture when He said:

**John 15:12 KJV** **This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.**

Christians are supernatural beings who are designed to love one another. John further qualifies this statement when he says:

**FOCAL** 1 John 5:2 KJV ... By this **we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

Love for other Christians, love for God, and *obedience* to God are all tied together, according to the Scripture. You cannot say you hate another Christian and also say that you love God. Those who love God *must* love other Christians, for God *indwells* every believer,

**Romans 8:9 KJV** **But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**

If you have **believed that Jesus is the Christ** then the **Spirit of Christ**, the *Spirit of the Savior or of the Messiah* dwells in you. We came to Jesus by faith that

He is the Christ. Because we have faith that He is the Christ God, Who sees the heart of man, sends His Spirit into our hearts to *bring us to spiritual life*. But this new life is not given to us merely so that we can walk around and say "I'm a Christian".

It is God's intent that the Spirit of Life Who indwells you *live through you*, empowering you to love God and love others.

A Christianity that does not emphasize *an outward manifestation of love* is not a blessing, it is a blasphemy! The Scripture tells us that the mark or fingerprint of God in the life of the believer is obedience to both God as well as to love. When we love God and keep His commandments, we naturally love one another, for this is one of His commandments.

Some would say to me, "What are His commandments?" His commandments are anything that God Who indwelleth you leads you to do or to not do. Those who are born again are supposed to *walk in the Spirit*, to allow the Spirit of God to live through them. The fruit produced in the life of the surrendered believer is illustrated in another place, where we read:

**Galatians 5:22-26 KJV** But the **fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, (23)**

**Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (24) And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (26) Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.**

If we are born again, then the Spirit from Whom you received new life lives in you. You are supposed to both **live in the Spirit**, and also **walk in the Spirit**. God wants to live in you and through you. The Spirit enables us to

**Matthew 5:44-45 KJV ... Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; (45) That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.**

This is the standard. This is the Will of God, that He be glorified through the maximum number of Christians in a Church Body loving one another and loving Him. In the *consumerism market* that American Christianity has become, we often see those who profess to be Christians jumping from local Church to local Church seeking the "right Church", the "Church that will best meet my

needs". But this is an alien idea to Biblical Christianity. The Lord taught us,

**Matthew 16:18 KJV ... upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

The Church belongs to Jesus. It is *His Church*, and He is building it for the glory of God and for the destruction of Satan. The Church is built on the Rock. It is built on the certain knowledge that

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The Church glorifies Christ. The Church loves and obeys God's Spirit and God's Word. The Church loves its members, considering each one to be precious. The Church will be triumphant, because Christ is triumphant. Let the world be the world, but let the Church be the Church.

### **Let's Summarize This Section**

- a. When a person accepts the truth that **Jesus is the Christ**, the Savior and Lord of all, that person exercises saving faith.
- b. God, Who alone examines the heart, comes to that person and causes **new spiritual birth**, effectively making that person a **new creature in Christ**.
- c. As a part of the new spiritual birth God **writes love and His holy character, His law** into our hearts.

d. The Christian then becomes a supernatural being who is no longer under the Mosaic Law nor under the Ten Commandments, but is under the leading of God's Spirit.

e. It is the Spirit Who leads the believer to love and to obedience. The Christian avoids those works that do not glorify God, for these works *war against the soul*. The Christian strives through the power of the Spirit of God to do the works that glorify God, for these works *war against Satan*.

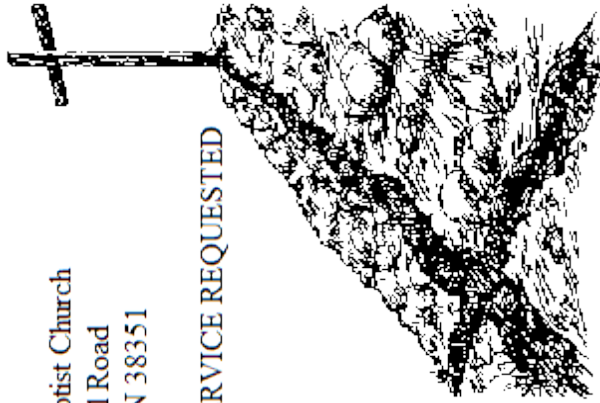
f. There are three questions that I, as a Christian, try to ask myself concerning anything that I attempt to do. These questions are:

- Where is this action affirmed by God's Spirit in God's Word?
- Would I do this to, around, or in front of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior?
- Will my action glorify God and promote Jesus Christ before all who observe me?

g. I can best answer these three questions *in a correct manner* by following the Christian disciplines on a regular daily basis. We will be studying the Christian disciplines in our November book study, *Simplifying Your Spiritual Life*. I pray you can make this study!

May God touch your hearts with these words.

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