



**1 John 2:28-3:10**

Romans 6:1-14; 1 Peter 1:13-19

**ABC's of Being A Christian** (Hebrews 5:12-14)

### Do You Know the God of the Bible?

- ▶ (John 17:2-3) Eternal life is knowing God. Eternal life is being in a genuine, real, intimate relationship with God.

### Do You Know Your Enemy? (1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 5:19; Matt 24:4,5,11,24)

### Do You Know YOURSELF?

- 11 Questions from last week's sermon.

### Man Created by God (Genesis 1:26-31)

- God created man and woman in His own image.
- **The chief end of man is to glorify and enjoy their Creator.**

### Adam Sinned (Genesis 3)

- When the first man, our representative, sinned we all sinned because we were in Adam. (Romans 5:12)

### What Did Adam's Sin Do to Man (US)?

- ✗ Man's mind (understanding, reasoning; ability to know) was DARKENED. (Ephesians 4:18; Romans 1:28; 2 Corinthians 4:4) **GOD HANDED US OVER TO A DEBASED MIND!** Man cannot understand God, God's ways, or the things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:14; John 8:43)
- ✗ Man's affections/emotions became twisted, warped, corrupted. Man cannot love God because he cannot know God. Man loves the things the Creator provides but not the Creator. Man became an **enemy** of God. (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4)

- ✗ Man's will became in **bondage** to sin, the world, Satan, and their own lusts and desires. Man is completely incapable for doing any good or anything that pleases God. They always choose their own way rather than having God, their Creator, as their Lord. (Luke 19:27; Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Romans 3:9-20; Genesis 6:5; 8:21; Ephesians 2:1-3)
- ✗ Man died spiritually. Man is born DEAD in their trespasses and sins.
  - "You shall surely die!" - This is spiritual death - separation for God. (Ephesians 2:1-3; 2:10; Isaiah 59:2; Proverbs 15:29)
- ✗ A DEAD person **cannot** hear, **cannot** see, **cannot** understand, **cannot** obey, **cannot** seek God, **cannot** please God, **cannot** not come to Christ, **cannot** repent, **cannot** believe. (Romans 8:7-8; Hebrews 11:6; John 6:44, 65; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Romans 10:13; John 3:3)
- ✗ Man **cannot** do *anything* to save himself. (John 3:1-8; Romans 5:6; Matthew 19:25-26; Luke 18:26-27)

### The Second Man, Jesus Christ

- God sent a SECOND MAN to be the Representative, Head of HIS people - that man was Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:45-47; Hebrews 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5)
- Christ came to save HIS people from their sins. (John 10:27-29; 6:35-40; 17:6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 24; Acts 4:12)
- (John 19:30) When Christ died on the Cross He declared, "**IT IS FINISHED!**" He declared that the work (mission, purpose) that God sent Him to do was, in fact, once and for all (perfect tense) done. He came to save His people from their sins and give them the gift of eternal life – every single one of them. (Matthew 1:21; John 6:35-40; John 17:1-3)

### The MIRACLE of Regeneration

- Definition of "miracle": A supernatural act of God's power. Something that defies nature. Something only God can do. Rebirth is a solely a work of God and God alone. (John 1:12-13; 3:1-8; James 1:18)
- Man is saved by the grace of God through faith?
  - ★ Grace, by definition, is undeserved. Man can do NOTHING to deserve God's salvation.
  - ★ What is GRACE? Grace is the POWER of God that comes upon one of His enemies to transform that person now into a worshiper of God, disciple of Christ, child of God, a friend of God. This transformation is RADICAL. (Ephesians 1:15-120)
  - ★ Faith, the act of believing, is NOT in man. It is a GIFT of God. (Ephesians 2:8-10). Man is not born with faith. It, faith, must come to him! (Galatians 3:22-25; Philippians 1:29; Acts 16:14; Matthew 16:17)

- What happens when one is “born-again”?
  - ① He is **FIRST** given eternal life. (Romans 6:23; James 1:18; John 1:13)
  - ② With **THIS** life he understand the things of God. (1 John 5:20; Matthew 13:11; John 17:2; 2 Cor 4:6; Eph 1:17-19)
  - ③ With **THIS** life he believes. Faith is a **GIFT** of God. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
  - ④ With **THIS** life he repents of his sins.
  - ⑤ With **THIS** life he comes to God through Christ. (John 6:35-40, 44, 65)
  - ⑥ With **THIS** life he receives Christ as Lord and Saviour. (Romans 10:9-10; 1; Acts 10:36; 2:36)
  - ⑦ With **THIS** life he becomes zealous for the works of God unto which he was saved. (Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14; James 2:14-26; 1 Cor 15:58)

### What Does A Born-Again Man Look Like?

- Christ warns us that **many** will be deceived into believing that they are “born-again” and have a pass to heaven when they die. (Matt 7:21-29; 12:50; 24:4-5, 11, 24; 13:20-22)
- Paul, Peter, and John were moved by the Holy Spirit to warn us that many will follow false doctrine. (1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 4:3-4; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 2:18-19; 4:1)
- **THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS IN ALL THE WORLD.**
- How does one know they are truly saved? How does one know that they have not been deceived?

### What Does A Born-Again Man Look Like? (Part 1)

- (2 Corinthians 5:17) ALL those who are IN CHRIST are NEW CREATURES!
- The **MIRACLE** of regeneration New creation; new nature. **ONLY GOD HAS THE POWER TO CREATE; RE-CREATE; CHANGE ONE’S NATURE.**
- (2 Peter 1:3-4) At **REBIRTH** man becomes a “partaker of the divine nature.”
- Nature determines:
 

① <b>APPETITE</b>	② <b>BEHAVIOUR.</b>
③ <b>ENVIRONMENT.</b>	④ <b>ASSOCIATION</b>

### What Does A Born-Again Man Look Like? (Romans 6:1-14)

- (vv. 1-10) Christ died to sin. He saved His people from the penalty, pleasure, and power of sin. His people are no longer slaves to sin.
- (vv. 10-11) “Likewise” - the Holy Spirit now **commands** God’s people . . .
  - ① “Consider yourselves . . .” - “reckon” - “calculate” -
    - ★ Present tense; imperative mood.
    - ★ **DEAD** to sin **and** **ALIVE** to God.
    - ★ Living the **REALITY** of who one says they are..
  - ② (v. 12) Do not let sin **reign** (present; imperative) in your bodies. **MEDITATE!**

- ③ (v. 13) Do not yield (give over) (present; imperative) your members as instruments of unrighteousness.
  - ④ (v. 13) Do yield your members as instruments of righteousness **unto** God.
- (vv. 14, 18) You have received **GRACE** from God. You have been **TRANSFORMED** from being a slave to sin to a slave of righteousness.
  - ☆ **MAN IS ALWAYS A SLAVE.** Either he is a slave of sin, the world, and Satan or he a slave of righteousness and God. (Rom 6:6, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22)

### What Does A Born-Again Man Look Like? (1 Peter 1:13-19)

- (v. 13) “gird up the loins of your mind” - they are serious minded people when it comes living the Christian faith. They guard their hearts with all diligence. (Proverbs 4:23)
- (v. 13) “be sober” - they are self-disciplined; they walk circumspectly in the evil world around them. (Ephesians 5:15-17)
- (v. 14) They are obedient children - obedient to their Father’s commands. They live to please their Father in all that they do.(Col 1:10; 1 Thess 4:1; 2 Tim 2:4; 1 John 3:22; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10)
- (v. 14) They demonstrate a lifestyle that shows they have be transformed by the grace of God. (1 Peter 4:2-3; Romans 12:2)
- (vv. 15-16) They pursue holiness in all their conduct. (Hebrews 12:14)

### What Does a Born-Again Man Look Like? (1 John 2:28-3:10)

- (2:29) **Everyone** who knows that Christ is righteous practices (has a lifestyle of) righteousness.
- (3:3) **Everyone** who has a hope of going to heaven purifies themselves just as Christ is pure. (present, active)
- (3:6) **Everyone** who abides in Christ does not sin. Does not live in sin. Does not have a lifestyle of sinning.
  - ★ What is sin? Sin is lawlessness (3:4). Sin is ignoring the imperatives of God’s Word. Sin is living as I please; not as God pleases.
- (3:7) **Everyone** who practices (present; active) righteousness is as righteous as He is. **NOT** those who say they are righteous because they are “in Christ”.
- (3:8) Anyone who continues in sin (ignoring God’s imperatives/commands) is of the devil.
- (3:9) **Everyone** born of God does not continue to sin but repents of his/her sins. A person with the Holy Spirit cannot continue to sin. (Ezekiel 36:26-27)
- (3:10) **Whoever** does not do the commands of God is a child of the devil. Whoever does not love their brother is of the devil.
- ★ Either a person is a child of God who practices the righteousness of God or a child of the devil. Either or.

#### ARE YOU TESTING YOURSELF?

(2 Corinthians 13:5)