

# **YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN**

"Ye must be born again," Jesus says to the most religious leader of his time Nicodemus Jn 3:3.

Salvation is the main theme of the Gospels and the most important message ever delivered to man: "She shall bring forth a SON and shall call His Name JESUS, for HE shall SAVE His people from their sins." Matt 1:21.

The Prophet Isaiah foretold the coming of Jesus and WHY HE WAS COMING! "He will come and SAVE YOU! "When Jesus came, He declared His mission on earth: The Son of Man is come to SEEK and to SAVE that which was LOST. "Luke 19:10.

The Apostle Paul affirms that "CHRIST JESUS came into the world TO SAVE sinners." I Tim. 1:15, Peter declares that "God hath exalted Christ to be prince and SAVIOUR. "Acts 5:31.

Paul said clearly in Heb. 7:25 "He is ABLE TO SAVE them to the UTTERMOST that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them!"

"Behold NOW is the accepted time, behold, NOW is the day of SALVATION!" 2 Cor. 6:2 The Apostles taught and spoke about salvation as an actual experience they received. There was no guessing about it., but facts and assurance and realities that made them face the wild beasts of Ephesus, imprisonments, beatings, stonings, and burning, and to be beheaded for the SALVATION THEY HAD IN THEIR SOULS RIGHT THEN... and the hope of greater things in eternity with Jesus!

II Tim. 1:9 Paul affirms that God "hath SAVED US and called us with an Holy calling." Peter writes to certain brethren saying, "Ye have received the END OF YOUR FAITH, even the SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS". 1 Peter 1:9.

Paul explained the work Christ did for us when He saved us, and the EFFECTS OF HIS WORK in human hearts:

"According to HIS MERCY HE SAVED US, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost: Titus 3:5. "By GRACE ARE YE SAVED." Ephesians 2:5-8.

"For the preaching of the CROSS is to them that perish, foolishness, but unto US WHICH ARE SAVED, it is the POWER OF GOD! I Cor. 1:18.

WHAT the word SALVATION means!

The word salvation means DELIVERANCE, AND THE SPIRITUAL USAGE of this word has TWO-FOLD RESULTS: First Salvation FROM sin. Second, Salvation from the PENALTY of sin.

When saved FROM sin and it's penalties, you are restored to FAVOUR WITH GOD, and GOD GIVES YOU ETERNAL LIFE right then! Your names are written down in the Lamb's book of LIFE... (Only those who have their names in the lamb's book of life will be permitted to enter heaven!) Rev. 20:15; 21:27; 22:19.

SIN brought the DEATH PENALTY - which automatically separate one from God and he is cast into eternal hell and forever lost if he dies in Sin... but Jesus came to SEEK and to SAVE that which was LOST in sin now.

Here are a few verses that give definitions of the word "SALVATION" in its different aspects and effects on humans: "Thou shalt call His NAME JESUS because HE SHALL SAVE his people FROM THEIR SINS" Matt. 1:21.

"Ye know that He was manifested to TAKE AWAY OUR SINS "HE GAVE HIMSELF for YOUR SINS, that HE might DELIVER you from this present evil world."Gal 1:6.

Paul connects salvation with its results in the individual heart and life: "For the GRACE of GOD that bringeth SALVATION, has appeared to all men, TEACHING US that DENYING UNGODLINESS and worldly LUSTS, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world: looking for the Blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: who gave Himself for us, that HE MIGHT REDEEM US FROM ALL INIQUITY, and purify unto Himself, a peculiar people, ZEALOUS of GOOD WORKS " Titus 2:11 - 14.

In the Bible, SALVATION is described by different terms: FORGIVENESS, JUSTIFICATION, CONVERSION, and NEW BIRTH.

Each of these words convey a different aspect and are related to the SAME EXPERIENCE... but to make your SALVATION COMPLETE, all of these different things had to happen to us at ONE time! For example:

a. FORGIVENESS. As soon as you hear the Gospel, you are convicted of SIN in your own hearts! - so in order to draw near to God, you have to confess your

SINS and ask God to FORGIVE you ALL YOUR PAST SINS, and take them all away from you! - And this God does.

"Acts 13:38 "To open their eyes and TO TURN THEM FROM DARKNESS to LIGHT and from the power of Satan unto GOD, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an INHERITANCE among them that are sanctified by Faith that is me; (Christ).

b. JUSTIFICATION. To justify means to FREE from GUILT...in a court when a man is tried, if he is found guilty, the judge can PARDON or FORGIVE HIM.....but everybody knows he committed the crime.

But if they try the man and he is found INNOCENT, he goes out of that court with his head high, a smile on his face and no bad mark on his record. HE WAS NOT GUILTY.... and that is what "JUSTIFIES US FROM ALL OUR SINS" means.

Jesus took our sins, and we are not only forgiven, but stand before God as though WE HAD NEVER DONE ANYTHING...JESUS TOOK ALL OUR BLAME, and so when Jesus FORGIVES US, The FATHER receives us as though we have NEVER sinned! Hallelujah! This is JUSTIFICATION! This is clearly explained in the words of Paul in Romans 3:23-28, PLEASE READ IT IN YOUR BIBLE.

c. CONVERSION. Bible conversion means a CHANGE wrought in the individual. You are fixed up on the inside and changed over to be used for something else. Just like when you make conversions in mechanics, or electricity, etc., you have to make changes in the instrument so it can light into its new system and do its new job... so it is with CONVERSION... It is more than a change of BELIEFS and doctrinal convictions! BIBLE or saving CONVERSION means a real CHANGE OF HEART and LIFE and NATURE.

"Repent ye, therefore, and be CONVERTED, that your sins may be blotted out". Acts 3:19. David prayed: "Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD and renew RIGHT SPIRIT within me" Psalm 51:1-13. Jesus said: "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall NOT enter into the kingdom of Heaven!" Matt. 18:3 (except you be CHANGE from your wicked nature and become sincere like little children... God won't have you!)

d. NEW BIRTH: The experience of Salvation through Christ is also a BIRTH OF THE SPIRIT. Jesus, Himself, explained this fact in John 2:12 Read it.

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not, but as many as RECEIVE HIM, to them He gave power to become the SONS OF GOD, even to them which believe on His Name, which were BORN not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of man, but of GOD". John 1:11-13.

And to Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, and an old man, Jesus said he could NOT SEE the Kingdom of God. EXCEPT HE BE BORN AGAIN "ye MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7. NOTE: The Doctrine of the NEW BIRTH is so FUNDAMENTAL to our salvation, that without being BORN AGAIN NO man can truly be called a Christian or say he is SAVED, though he may be a good member of a church.

"NEW BIRTH" is bringing into LIFE. When man SINS he dies spiritually - he is cut off from the LIFE OF GOD! "We were dead in trespasses and sins." Col 2:13; Ephesians 2:1-6, - but CHRIST has come to QUICKEN US- to give us LIFE!

Paul said in Romans 6:11, "Reckon yourselves DEAD UNTO SIN but ALIVE Unto GOD through Jesus Christ our Lord... Vs 13, last part: "but yielding yourself unto God. You can have this so great Salvation by repenting from your sins and surrender your life to Christ as you say this prayer of forgiveness.

O God be merciful to me a sinner! Forgive me all my sins and blot out my transgressions. Cleanse me from all unrighteousness and make me clean by the precious blood of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. I will forsake sin and consecrate my life to you to walk in the light of your word from today, I believe that you have forgiven me according to your word. In Jesus' name I pray Amen.

**Three things will help you.**

1. Pray everyday.
2. Read your Bible everyday.
3. Join the fellowship of the saints of God.