

Identifying The Family of God

- *The New Birth*

God created our universe – Genesis 1



GOD

The Father of Us All



God - our Creator and Father - Acts 17:22-31



Innocence

Romans 7:6-9

Innocence Lost

Ezekiel 18:4; 2 Corinthians 5:10

Before Sin

GOD MAN

After Sin

GOD

SIN

MAN

Isaiah 59:1, 2

Darkness

Sinful State

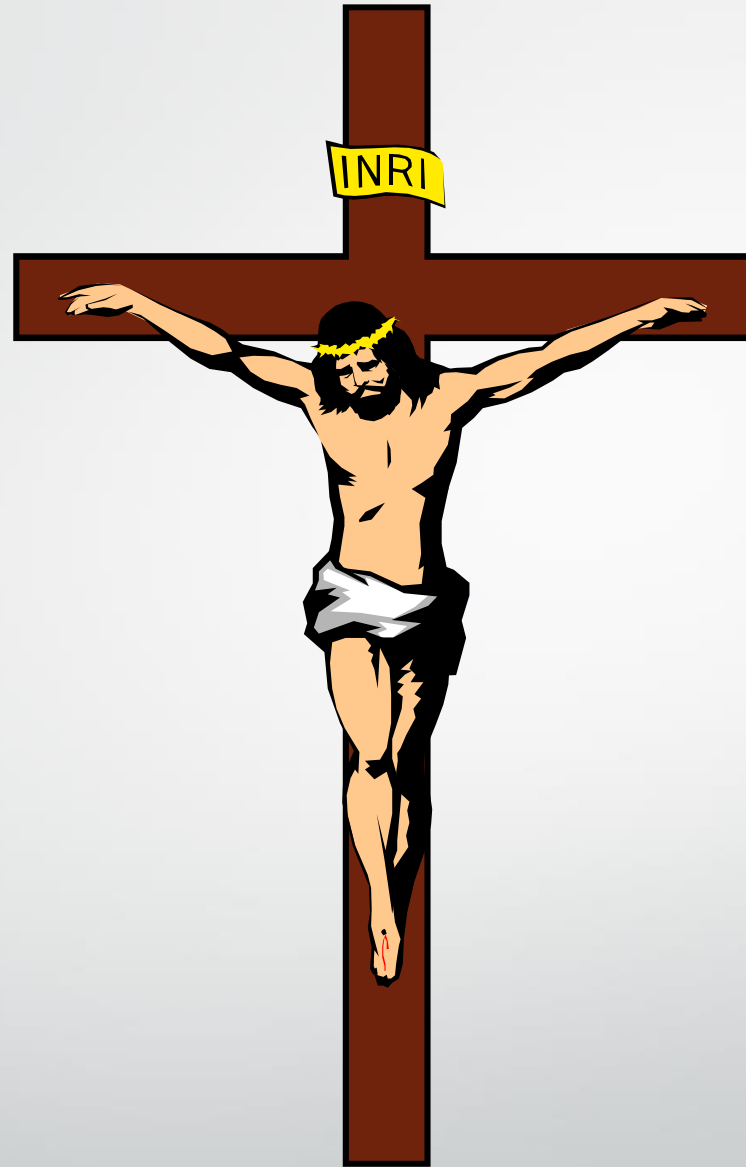
Outside the Family
of God

God is NOT my
spiritual Father

Sin stained robe

Death / Damnation

Son of Disobedience



Light

State of Forgiveness

Inside the Family of
God

God IS my spiritual
Father

Blood washed robe

Life / Salvation

Son of God

The author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him. - Heb. 5:8, 9

The New Birth

Path Into The Family of God

John 1:11-13 – “He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

John 3:3-5 – “Jesus answered and said unto him, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.* Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 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.*”

God's Law of Procreation

- Began At Creation
- Every plant, animal, creeping thing, fowl, fish, and man were to reproduce after or according “to their kind.” - **Genesis 1:11, 12, 20-23, 24, 28**
- Every birth has two common elements
 - A begetting (implanting or conceiving of a seed)
 - A delivery (birth – to be brought forth)

Physical & Spiritual = (1) Begetting (conceiving)
(2) Delivery (bringing forth)

Physical Birth

- (1) Begetting (conceiving)
- (2) Delivery (bringing forth)

Matthew 1:2 – “*Abraham begat Isaac*”

Hebrews 11:11 – “*Sara...conceive seed, and was delivered of a child (Isaac).*”

Luke 1:30, 31 – “*Mary... shalt conceive... and bring forth a son.*”

Spiritual Birth

(1) Begetting (Born of Spirit)

(2) Bringing Forth (Born of water)

To beget requires a seed.

Luke 8:11 – *“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.”*

The seed must penetrate the heart – Luke 8:5, 12

The Good Ground –

- One who has a good and honest heart (Luke 8:15)
- Hears the word (Mark 4:20; Luke 8:15)
- Receives the word (Mark 4:20)
- Understands the word (Matthew 13:23)
- Keeps it (Luke 8:15)
- Brings forth fruit with patience, some 30, 60, 100 fold (Luke 8:15; Mark 4:20; Matt. 13:23)

Spiritual Birth

(1) Begettal (Born of Spirit)

Actions of the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit dispenses God's Word – John 14:26; 16:7-15
- The Holy Spirit reveals the mind (will) of God. – 1Cor. 2:9-13
- The seed of the Spirit is sown by preaching – Mark 4:14; Romans 10:13-17

The Begetting

- Begat He us with the word of truth (James 1:18)
- Being Born again... of incorruptible (seed), by the word of God (1Pet. 1:22,23, 25)
- Begotten us... by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1Pet. 1:3)
- Begotten you through the gospel (1Cor. 4:15)

- The seed, the Word of God, provided by the Holy Spirit, is planted in the hearts of men by preaching. If kept there, the result is a Begetting Of God.
- Remember that the begetting is NOT the total birth since faith without works is dead (**James 2:24**).
- Belief alone does not complete the birth process.
- The begetting, or faith, does a person no good until it leads him to obey.
- The apostle John wrote that those who believes on Jesus' name is given "*power to become the sons of God*" (**John 1:11-13**).
- **1John 5:1** – "*Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God.*"
- It is at the point of obedience does faith becomes complete.

Spiritual Birth

(2) Bringing Forth (Born of water)

- No birth has ever taken place where that which is born comes forth from something smaller than it is. The same principle applies to the New Birth.
- For one to be born of water would require that he come forth from a body of water of greater size than himself.
- SPRINKING AND POURING WILL NOT FIT!!!
- John's locality for baptizing was determined "... *because there was much water there*" ([John 3:23](#)).
- Both Phillip and the eunuch went down into the water where Phillip baptized the eunuch, and both Phillip and the eunuch came up out of the water ([Acts 8:38, 39](#)).
- The scriptural element for baptizing is water and there must be enough to cause a bringing forth of the believer, thus a burial ([Colossians 2:12](#); [Romans 6:3, 4](#))

The New Birth

John 3:5 – *“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.”*

Mark 16:16 – *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”*

Titus 3:5 – *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”*

Galatians 3:26-27 – *“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

Hebrews 10:22 – *“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”*

The New Birth Places One In Christ

Death

Evil

SIN

Unrighteousness

Eternal
Damnation

Condemnation

In
Christ

=

The Church
Eph. 1:22-23
The House of God
1Timothy 3:15

The Family of God
Romans 8:1, 14-17
2Corinthians 6:17, 18

Baptize - Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26, 27

Confess - Matt. 10:32

Repent - Acts 17:30

Believe - Heb. 11:6

Hear - John 6:44, 45

A Child of God Will...

- Desire the sincere milk of the word in order to grow - 1 Peter 2:2
- Humble themselves in the sight of the Lord; Submit to and draw near to God; and resist the devil - James 4:7-10
- Set his affection on things above - Colossians 3:2
- Mortify the evil in their life - Colossians 3:5-9
- Abstain from all appearance of evil - 1Thessalonians 5:22
- Will not forsake the assembly - Hebrews 10:25
- Will bear fruit, more fruit, and much fruit and glorify God - John 15:2, 5, 8
- Be a soul winner - 1Corinthians 9:19-23
- Pray without ceasing - 1Thessalonians 5:17
- Love the brotherhood & strive for unity - John 13:34, 35; Ephesians 4:1-6
- Be faithful until death - Revelation 2:10



Will You Become
A Child Of God
Today Via The
New Birth?