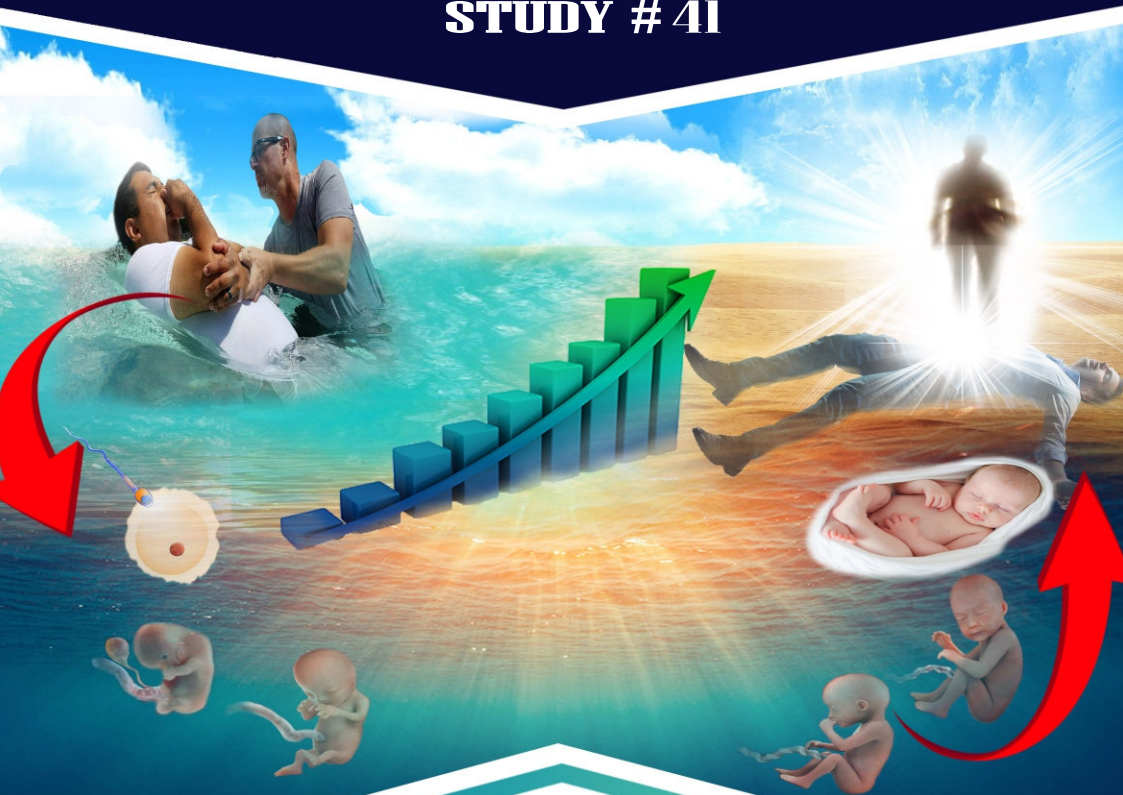


The Secret of the **NEW CREATURE**

STUDY # 41



**THE GREAT TRUTHS OF
THE BIBLE**

"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17



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THE SECRET OF THE NEW CREATURE

PLEASE NOTE: Kindly refer to your Bibles for every scripture

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Today we take up the study of an important subject of understanding to a Christian who DECIDES TO FOLLOW in the footsteps of Jesus and become His follower and disciple !



Yes ! The SUBJECT of the NEW CREATION.

We read about this NEW CREATURE in -

Galatians 6:15

“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision , BUT A NEW CREATURE.”



Did you see that?

It says that for a Christian it does NOT MATTER if one were a JEW - (“circumcision”)



...or a GENTILE - (“uncircumcision”) but what DID MATTER was ...WHETHER ONE WAS A NEW CREATURE OR..NOT!





What is meant by this "new creature" ?
Why is it **SO IMPORTANT** in a Christian ?

New Creature



TODAY'S SUBJECT WILL EXPLAIN THE MATTER
CLEARLY TO US.

Let us now begin by turning to -

John 3:3

"...except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Yes ! Jesus speaks here of being.....- "born again"

He was speaking to **NICODEMUS**
a Pharisee !



WHAT DID JESUS MEAN BY THESE WORDS ?

He explains the matter Himself in -

John 3:5

"...except a man be **BORN** of water and of the spirit he cannot enter into
the kingdom of God."

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Yes ! Jesus speaks of the **BASIS** of **ENTERING** into the **KINGDOM OF GOD** ! He says that **ONE** has to be “born again” and further explains the process to be -

“born of water and of the spirit”.



WHAT DOES THIS REALLY MEAN?

Today the very greatly popular **PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT** and their churches understand and explain this scripture to mean what is now very popularly called -



“THE BORN AGAIN MOVEMENT”.

Infact the most important **QUESTION** asked in a Pentecostal church is -



“ARE YOU BORN AGAIN ??”

Have you heard about it ?

We are sure **MOST ALL HAVE** heard about this matter at some time or other ?

It is explained that the words of Jesus of being “born of water and of the spirit” **SIGNIFY** -



FIRST.... the “born of water” meaning **WATER IMMERSION BAPTISM.**





And **SECOND**.... the “**born of spirit**” meaning an **INVISIBLE BAPTISM** of the **HOLY SPIRIT** where.... the **VISIBLE MANIFESTATION** of the matter is “**TONGUES SPEAKING**”.



And yes ! There are many who have gone through this **TWIN PROCESS** and now claim to be....
“BORN AGAIN CHRISTIANS”.

It is a rapidly growing movement in the Christian world today.
 But our question today, is-



IS ALL THIS TRUE?



**IS THIS THE REAL MEANING OF
 WHAT JESUS MEANT WHEN HE SPOKE
 OF BEING “born again”?**



Ah ! That is the MATTER of our study today !

Let us begin by turning to -

John 3:8

“The wind bloweth where it listeth , and thou hearest the sound thereof , but

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canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the spirit."



Did you see that?

Let us read again!

Here Jesus explains **VERY CLEARLY** the **CONDITION** of all those who are "**born again**" or more particularly **ALL** those who are - "**born of the spirit**"

He says - "**they are like the wind**".

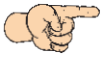


WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

This refers to the **CHARACTERISTICS** of the wind - of it being.....**INVISIBLE** and.....**POWERFUL** in movement.



CAN ANY OF THE PENTECOSTAL FRIENDS WHO...ARE
 "BORN AGAIN" CLAIM TO BE IN THIS CONDITION -
 'LIKE THE WIND' !



ARE THEY "INVISIBLE" AND POWERFUL LIKE THE
 WIND ?? !

This is an important **KEY** in understanding Our Lord's words
 in **JOHN 3RD CHAPTER VS 3 AND 5.**

Yes ! Jesus was **VERY CLEAR** that **ALL** those who would be
 "**born of the spirit**" would be **LIKE THE WIND.**

This is very **UNLIKE** just **CLAIMING** to be
 "**born of the spirit**"
 and then **SPEAKING IN TONGUES !!**

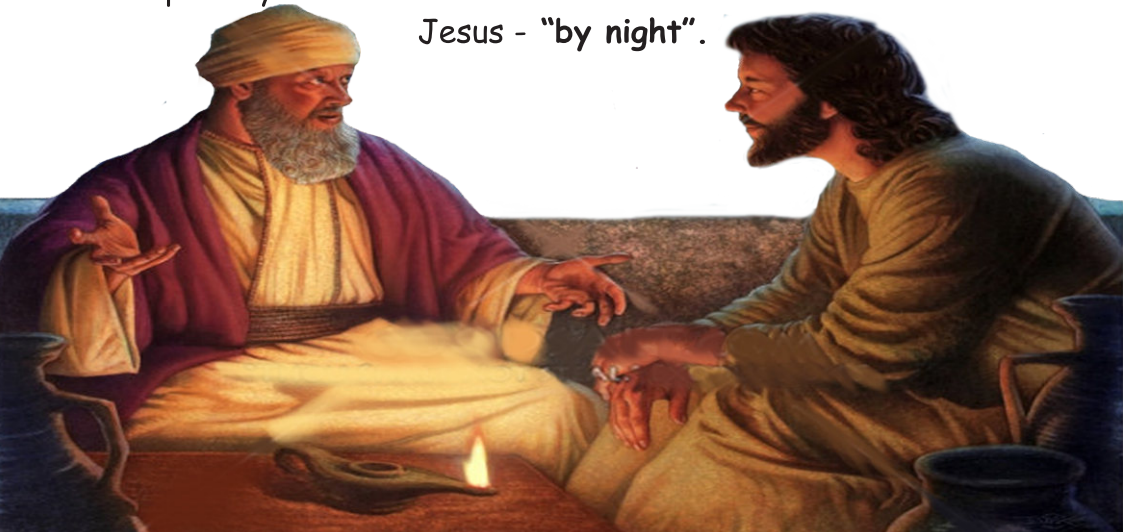


Then WHAT did Jesus mean really ?

To find out we must now go back to a **DETAILED STUDY**
 of this passage of scripture !!



The Pharisee **NICODEMUS** - probably **elderly** in age -
 but **CURIOUS** about the Lord and His teachings, and
 especially about **THE KINGDOM OF GOD** comes to meet
 Jesus - "by night".



This was probably for either of **TWO REASONS** -

He being a Pharisee was **CAREFUL NOT TO BE SEEN** of his fellow Pharisees when meeting with Jesus

...or the second reason could be that being busy during the day Jesus **COULD SPARE TIME ONLY AT NIGHT.**

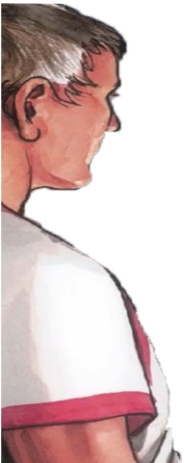
Whatever be the reasons, the **special thing** about Nicodemus was that unlike his fellow Pharisees **HE BELIEVED JESUS** was of God as we read in -

John 3:1-3

“There was a man of the Pharisees , named **NICODEMUS** , a ruler of the jews; the same came to Jesus by night , and said unto him , Rabbi , we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest , except God be with him.”



Yes ! He was a
VERY DIFFERENT PHARISEE INDEED !




He **BELIEVED** Jesus and his **BELIEF** and **FAITH** upon the Lord grew steadily over the next few years until he became so **COURAGEOUS** as to **ACCOMPANY** Joseph of Arimathea to go and claim the body of Jesus as we read in -


John 19:38-40

“And after this Joseph of Arimathea , being a disciple of Jesus , but secretly for fear of the Jews , besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus....and there came also Nicodemus which at the first came to Jesus by night , and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes about an

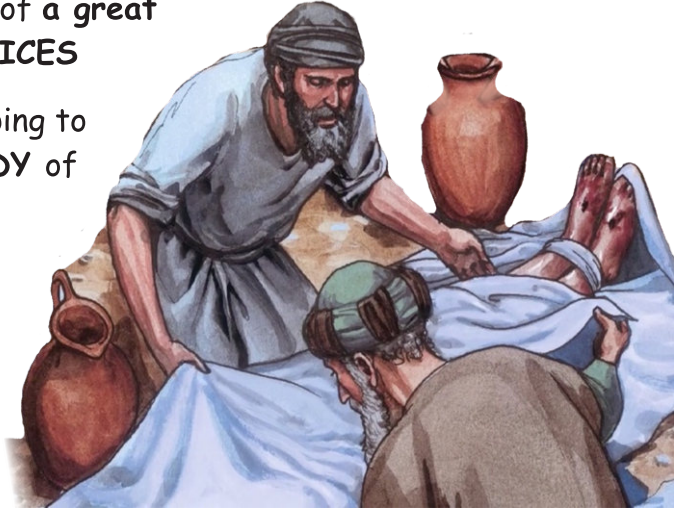
hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus and wound it in linen clothes with the spices as the manner of the Jews is to bury."

Yes ! He not only **BOLDLY** accompanied Joseph of Arimathea but also showed his **LOVE FOR THE LORD**

in his purchase of a **great quantity of SPICES**

as well as in helping to **EMBALM THE BODY** of Jesus.

Thus we believe he must have become a disciple of Jesus and perhaps received the **HOLY SPIRIT** at Pentecost.



 **Yes ! We would very much like to THINK SO !!**

But coming back to his **CONVERSATION** with the Lord,let us now pay **CAREFUL ATTENTION** to the **REACTION** of his to the words of Jesus.

Let us now read from -

John 3:4

"Nicodemus saith unto him , how can a man be born when he is old ? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb ?...."

From these words of **NICODEMUS** we understand that on hearing the Lord's words **in vs - 3** he grasped the **THOUGHT** of -

 **ANOTHER CHILD BIRTH OR.....ENTERING INTO THE PROCESS OF TAKING BIRTH AGAIN !!**

Yes ! Jesus was speaking of entering **AFRESH** into
ANOTHER BIRTH PROCESS !

Only **NICODEMUS** could not **UNDERSTAND HOW!!**

Before we **UNDERSTAND** Jesus words let us **FIRST** note an
important point.

The word **"born"** as spoken by the words of
the Lord has an
IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE to be **NOTED** here !!

The Greek word it is translated from is -



"Gennao"

(Strong's Greek # 1080)

Gennao

This means - "to beget" and also "to be born" or
"bring forth".



FERTILIZATION



BIRTH

Yes ! This **ONE GREEK WORD** refers to **BOTH ENDS** of the birth process !!

The **BIRTH PROCESS** begins with "**BEGETTAL**" and then, as in the case with human beings.... **THE DEVELOPMENT** or **GROWTH PERIOD** of nine months!!

This **DIFFERENCE in MEANING** of that one Greek word is not easily **DISCERNED** in the English language or in the other languages of translation.



The reference to "**BEGETTAL**" or the **BEGINNING** of the birth process appears in Vs 3 and Vs 7 -



Vs 3 - "... Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."



Vs 7 - "...you must be born again..."



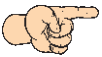
The reference to "**BIRTH**" or the **END** of the birth process appears in vs 5,6,and 8.



Vs 5 - "...Except a man be born of water and of the spirit..."



Vs 6 - "that which is born of the flesh is flesh, that which is born of the spirit is spirit."



Vs 8 - "...so is everyone that is born of the spirit."

THERE ! DID YOU SEE THE DIFFERENCE ? !

Now keeping this **UNDERSTANDING** in our minds let us now look back again to our Lord's words in -

John 3:5

“...Except a man be born of water and the spirit , he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

Yes! Here the words "water" and "spirit" represent ...the **TWO ENDS** of the development "**BIRTH PROCESS**" of a **NEW CREATURE!**

Let us see how, in this diagram below -



Here the word - "water" symbolises the **NEW** beginning or **CONCEPTION** of a New Creature which is.....**SYMBOLISED** in baptism.



The word "water" to Nicodemus must have brought to mind **John's baptism (Acts 19:4)**which was for **REPENTANCE** and **REFORMATION**.

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Here too this step is **NECESSARY** in all who take the decision to **"FOLLOW"** the Lord.



But **"water"** as spoken by Jesus has a more **DEEPER** meaning as we read in -

Titus 3:5

"...He saved us by the washing of regeneration (begettal)"

What is this "washing" that is referred to over here ?

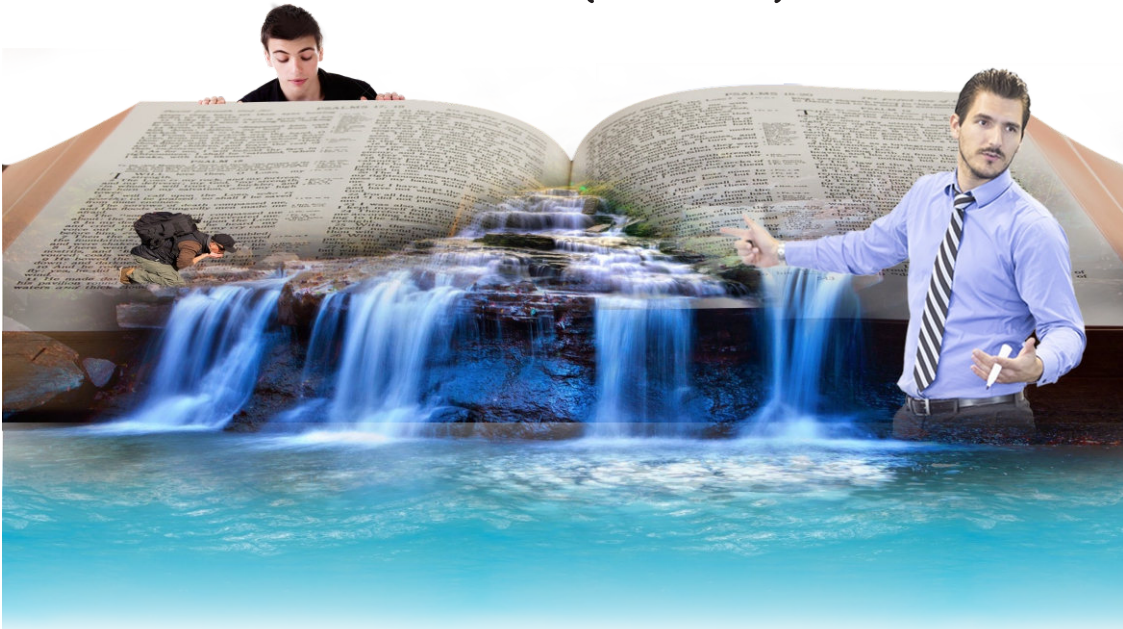
This is **NOT** the washing of **ORDINARY** and **LITERAL** water, but has a reference to **A MORE SPECIAL "water" !!**

Yes! We read of this water in -

Revelation 22 : 17

"...And whomsoever will , let him take the water of life freely."

Ah ! Yes ! It is the “**water of life**” of God’s Word -
....**THE TRUTH !! (John 17:17).**



And thus the **REAL** meaning and reference to “**water**” over here is to the “**water of life**” or.....**GOD’S WORD.**

It is through the “water” of God’s Word that the **BEGETAL** or **THE BEGINNING OF THIS BIRTH PROCESS** takes place in a new creature !!

This we read about in -

James 1:18

“**Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth...**”



Ah ! There ! Isn't it **VERY CLEAR ?!**

And for further confirmation we read of the same in -

I Peter 1 : 23

“Being born again , not of corruptible seed , but of incorruptible by the word of God , which liveth and abideth forever.”

Yes ! The “water” and the **BEGETTAL** is by the **WORD OF GOD !!** But before receiving this “word” of truth one must receive the **HOLY SPIRIT** by and from Our Heavenly Father which we read about in -

II Corinthians 1:22

“Who hath also sealed us , and given us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.”



Yes ! Without the Holy Spirit it would be.....**IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND** the “words” of God and His truth !

This we read very clearly in -

I Corinthians 2:14

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them , because they are spiritually discerned.”

Thus with the Holy Spirit comes the **UNDERSTANDING** of the **TRUTH** of God's Word !

Further this also becomes



.....THE SEAL OF APPROVAL OF BEGETTAL.

Now having been **BEGOTTEN** of “water” such a one is then referred to as a-

NEW CREATURE
as we read in -

II Corinthians 5 : 17

“Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new”.

Here as we have already studied in previous **CLASSES**

(THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST # 17/18 & 19)

the Christian development process is through **THREE STEPS**
or **STAGES**



"Called" or the BELIEVER STAGE

where the important matter is exercising
FAITH upon Jesus and **BIBLE READING** then just **BEGINS**.



"Chosen" or the FOLLOWER STAGE

where the **FEW** Christian believers who understand the
DEPTH of the Word, go forth to **FOLLOW JESUS** and make
- “a covenant by sacrifice.”



**"Faithful" or the FAITHFUL FULFILLING OF THE
COVENANT STAGE.**

These are even **FEWER** and we read in the scriptures
that they actually amount to a **FIXED NUMBER OF
144,000**.

Thus when a **BELIEVER** goes forth to become a **FOLLOWER**
by making "**a covenant by sacrifice**" and carries "**his own cross**",
SUCH ONLY are said to be -

"in christ"

OR INSIDE THE BODY OF THE SACRIFICING CHRIST.



Such ALONE are the "new creatures" being referred to over here.

These are **NO MORE OF THE RACE OF ADAM !!**

They are **NO MORE MERELY** human beings - though they continue to live in bodies of flesh and blood !!

THUS A NEW CREATURE IS NOT RECOGNIZABLE OUTWARDLY BUT ONLY INWARDLY.



So what is **DIFFERENT** in these "new creatures"?

The difference is that in **ADDITION** to their **FLESHLY MIND** they now receive



.....A NEW MIND THAT.....IS SPIRITUAL.

But this "new mind" is at first very tiny and **INSIGNIFICANT**.



This "embryonic" **NEW MIND** must **GROW** and **DEVELOP** and needs -**NOURISHMENT FOR GROWTH** and**PROTECTION FROM MANY ENEMIES**.





This is **MUCH LIKE** and **SIMILAR** to an "embryo" in the womb of a woman !!

Now this "new mind" must **GROW** and attain to a **MEASURE** of **DEVELOPMENT**.



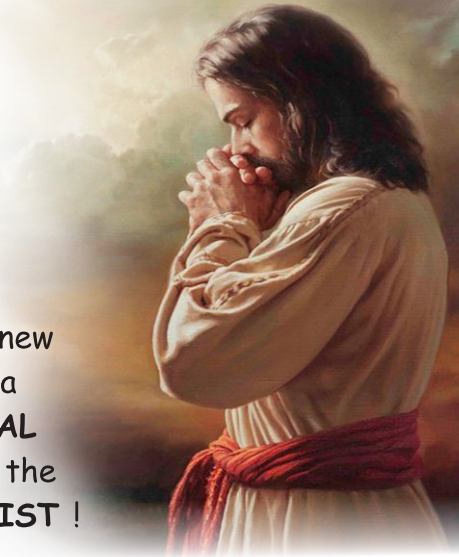
What is that "measure" of **DEVELOPMENT**.

We read the answer in -

I Corinthians 2 :16

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord , that he may instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ."



Yes ! The "new mind" is a **SPIRITUAL MIND** and the mind of **CHRIST** !



It must develop to the "measure" of Christ, day by day !

This is what we read in -

Romans 8 : 29

"....He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son..."

Yes! The **FINAL DEVELOPMENT** and **GOAL** is for the "new mind" to develop into -



"the image of His Son"



This is **A LIFETIME WORK OF DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH !!**



THIS "EMBRYONIC" BEGINNING OF THIS "NEW MIND". IS THE "SPIRIT BEGETTAL" OF THE NEW CREATURE.

Now we read of this "new creature" in **II Corinthians 5:17** that -

"...old things are passed away , behold all things are become new..."

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

This is a reference to the fact that -



.....the **WILL / DREAMS / GOALS / AMBITIONS** all become new - even the very thoughts, words and deeds !!

The spiritual "new mind" **BEGINS** to take control of the **FLESHLY "old mind"** and the body

This is what we read in -

Colossians 3 : 9,10

"Lie not one to another , seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him;"

Yes! The "**old man**" is the mind that is **EARTHLY** and **fleshly**, while the "**new man**" is the mind that is **HEAVENLY** and **spiritual**.



They are **BOTH CONTRARY ONE TO THE OTHER**

as we read in -

Galatians 5 : 17

**“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit , and the Spirit against the flesh:
and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things
that you would.”**

FLESH

SPIRITUAL



And yes ! The **DEVELOPMENT** of the “new creature” is
gained through

THIS BATTLE and the **STRUGGLE** between these two minds-



“the old mind AND the new mind”



This **STRUGGLE** is explained by the Apostle Paul again in -

II Corinthians 4 : 7-10

**“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels , that the excellency of the
power may be of God and not of us. We are troubled on every side , yet not
distressed; we are perplexed but not in despair; persecuted but not
forsaken; cast down , but not destroyed , always bearing about in the body
the dying of the Lord Jesus , that the life also of Jesus might be made
manifest in our body.”**

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Yes ! The Apostle Paul here speaks of how this -



“treasure”the **NEW MIND**

must grow and develop within **“Earthen vessels”**
.....the **FLESH BODY** along with its **FLESH MIND**.

This causes **CONSTANT CONFLICT** and God has
SPECIALLY placed the matter in this

manner to let it
serve as....a **TEST** of
FAITHFULNESS to
the **TRUTH** !

Thus this Christian
life of
FAITHFULNESS to
the **TRUTH** and
this **STRUGGLE**
between the two
“minds” is
SYMBOLIZED in -



Matthew 7 : 14

“...Because strait is the gate and NARROW is the way which leadeth unto life...”

Yes ! It is a **NARROW WAY** indeed - of **STRUGGLE**



.....where if one **ENDURES**
to the **END** one shall receive **LIFE** as we read in -

Matthew 24:13

“but he that shall endure unto the end , the same shall be saved.”

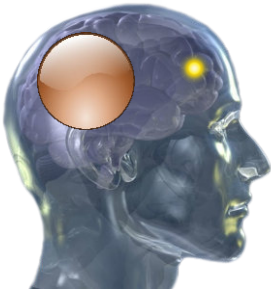


....And again we read of the same in -

“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne,....”

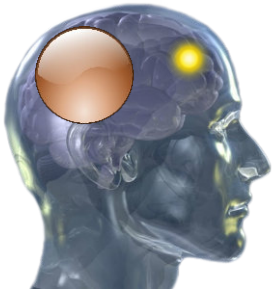
THERE IS A CONSTANT STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE TWO MINDS IN THE ONE BODY. EACH SEEKS TO CONTROL THE BODY.

Given below is an illustration graphically of this “new creature” development -

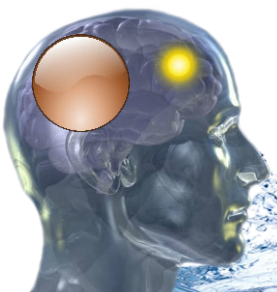


A PICTURE OF THE OLD PERSON
AT THE TIME OF RECEIVING
THE SEED OF TRUTH

(THE SMALL DOT IS THE SEED OF TRUTH WHICH
LATER AT “BEGETTAL”
DEVELOPS INTO THE NEW MIND)



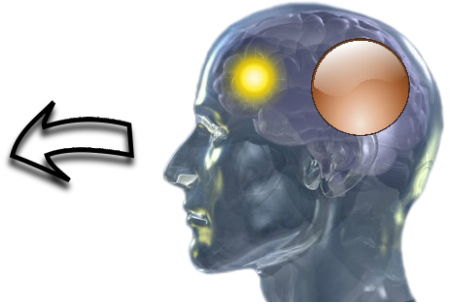
HERE IS A PICTURE AFTER SOME
TIME WHEN THE GRADUAL
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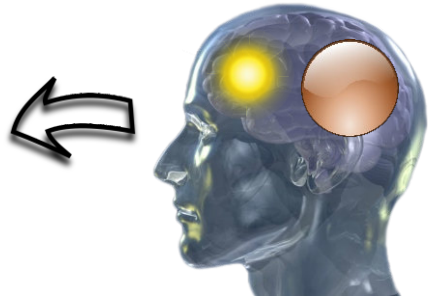
HERE AFTER MORE TIME AND
MORE GROWTH IN KNOWLEDGE
AND OBEDIENCE A CLEANSING
BEGINS (ROMANS 12:2)



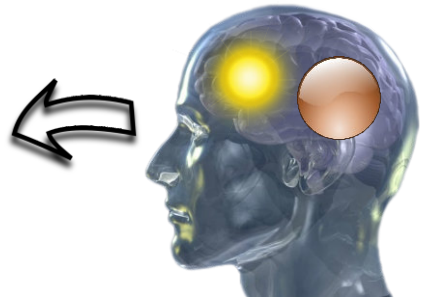
THE "BAPTISMAL" DECISION TO
MAKE A "covenant by sacrifice" IS
SYMBOLISED AND SPIRIT
BEGETTAL TAKES PLACE AND A
"new creature" IS BEGOTTEN
(ROMANS 12:1)



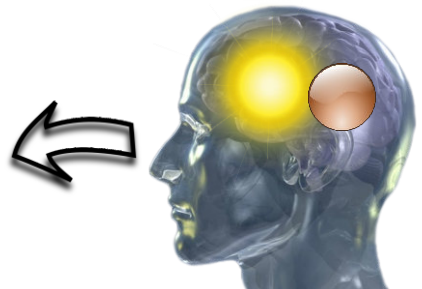
AS TIME PASSES THE FURTHER
GROWTH IN DEEPER TRUTHS
AND OBEDIENCE LEADS TO
GREATER CONFLICT WITHIN
(II CORINTHIANS 4:7-10)



THE "NEW MIND" GRADUALLY
GROWS STRONGER AND WAGES
A STRONGER BATTLE AGAINST
THE OLD MIND AND ITS
DESIRES
- OVERRULING MANY TIMES.



THE NEW MIND TAKES
CONTROL OF THE OLD MIND
AND OLD BODY AND MAKES IT
ITS SLAVE. THE OLD MIND IS
GREATLY WEAKENED AND
RESTRICTED.



THE MIND OF CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 2:5) **IS DEVELOPED** AND THOUGHTS WORDS AND DEEDS ARE MORE AND **DOMINANTLY** SPIRITUAL THAN EVER. THE NEW CREATURE IS NOW READY FOR BIRTH !!



DEATH —



THE FLESH BODY DIES



YES ! IN THE **FIRST RESURRECTION** THE "new creature" IS - "BORN OF SPIRIT" WITH A **NEW BODY OF THE DIVINE NATURE- IMMORTAL AND GLORIOUS** (REVELATION 20:6) THERE ARE TO BE **ONLY 1,44,000** IN ALL !!

PLEASE NOTE : MANY OF THE "NEW CREATURES" DON'T ATTAIN TO THE FIRST RESURRECTION. THESE ARE "BORN OF SPIRIT" WITH MORTAL SPIRITUAL BODIES LIKE UNTO ANGELS. THESE ARE THE GREAT MULTITUDE (REVELATION 7:9)

Now having studied this **DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS** of the "new creature" in great **DEPTH** and **DETAIL**, the question uppermost in any new creature's mind at any point of time is -

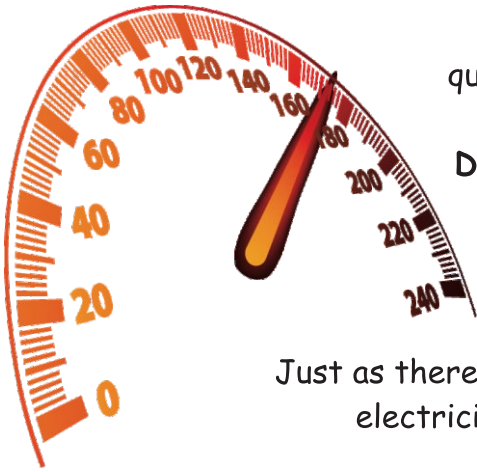


"HOW AM I PROGRESSING AND GROWING AS A NEW CREATURE ?"



"WHAT IS IT THAT I LACK AND HOW CAN I COME TO KNOW" ?

To gain the **ANSWER** to these questions and to **MONITOR** the level of **GROWTH** and **DEVELOPMENT** in the new creature the Lord has provided a means of measure -
"A METER"



Just as there are **METERS** to measure speed, electricity, velocity, water flow, etc



....**THIS IS THE "METER" OF MEASURE FOR THE NEW CREATURE !!**

Let us now read about it in -

II Peter 1 : 5-7

"And beside this , giving all diligence , add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."



Yes ! This is the **"METER"** of **NEW CREATURE GROWTH !!**
Every **NEW CREATURE** can **CHECK** his / her **GROWTH** level by looking at this meter !!



This **GROWTH** can be summed up as -



THE INCREASING MEASURE of the "fruits of the spirit" as we find recorded in -

Galatians 5:22

"but the fruit of the Spirit is love , joy , peace , longsuffering , gentleness , goodness , faith , meekness , temperance , against such there is no law."



The **INCREASING** "knowledge of the Word" and its

UNDERSTANDING which really is the **FOOD** of the new creature as we read in -

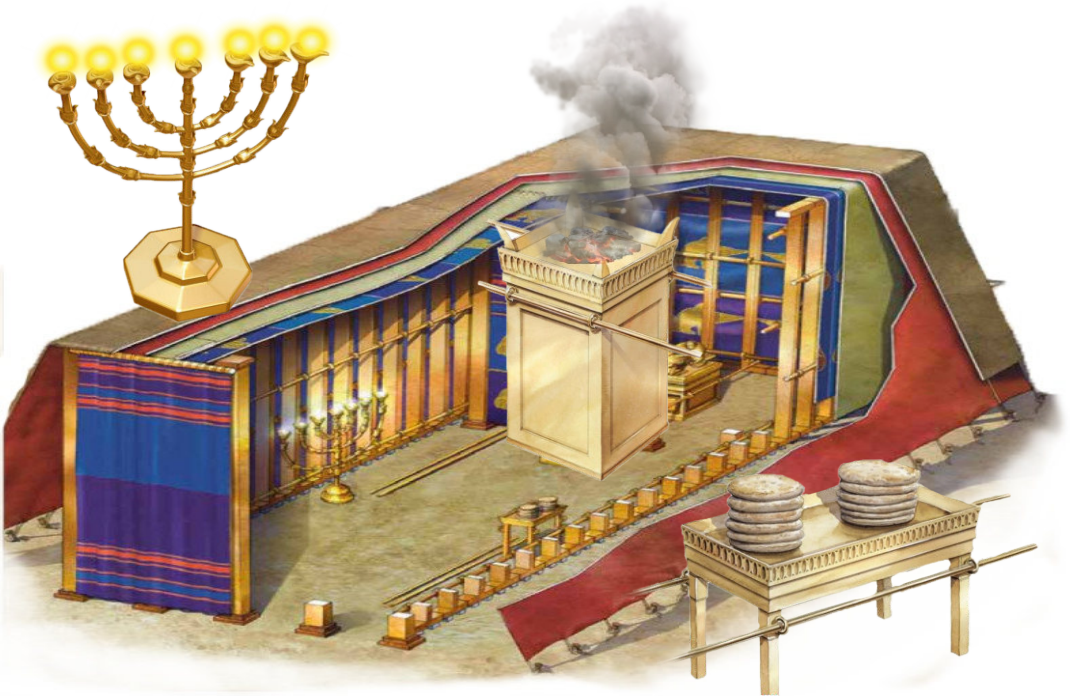
Jeremiah 15:16 - "thy words were found , and I did eat them;..."

This **GROWTH PROCESS** of the new creature has also been represented in the **OLD TESTAMENT**.



CAN YOU TELL WHERE?

Yes ! It was within the "HOLY" of the **TABERNACLE**.



There the continuous **GROWTH** process is represented by -



THE LIGHT OF THE CANDLESTICK -

This represents the **HOLY SPIRIT** "light".



"THE SHEWBREAD" -

This represents the "eating" of the **TRUTH** of **GOD'S WORD** - the spiritual food of the new creature.

➡ **"THE SMOKE OF THE INCENSE ALTAR" -**

This represents the **CHARACTER FRUITS** of obedience which manifest as the new creature **DAILY** fulfils the "**covenant by sacrifice**".

Yes ! The "**HOLY**" of the **TABERNACLE** can be considered the **WOMB** of the New Creatures.

Then the Apostle John speaks of another and very important **ASPECT OF GROWTH** in the new creature which we read about in -

I John 5:1

"...And every one that loveth Him that begat loveth HIM also that is begotten of Him".



Yes ! This speaks of **BROTHERLY LOVE** for those **SIMILARLY** begotten by God through the same "**water**".

➡ This is a **SEARCHING TEST** of the spirit of **LOVE** and a great **CHALLENGE** due to.... the many **IMPERFECTIONS** of the flesh among the brethren during **INTERACTION** and **WORKING TOGETHER !!**

Finally it is to be remembered that the **CREATOR** of this **NEW CREATION** is **ONE** as we read in -

Philippians 1:6

“Being confident of this very thing , that HE which hath begun a good work IN YOU will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

Yes ! It is the work of THE HEAVENLY FATHER !

We see this again in.....

Philippians 2:13

“For it is God which worketh IN YOU both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

Yes ! Here is DESCRIBED how GOD does the CREATIVE WORK in the new creature !!

WHAT IS MEANT BY -

“It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure”.

This is a reference to HOW God works the CIRCUMSTANCES within “fleshly beings” to DESIRE for the THINGS SPIRITUAL and the STRENGTH to accomplish it.



This GOD does through the POWER of HIS WORD (“to will...”)and THE POWER of HIS HOLY SPIRIT (“to do of his good pleasure”) !!

Yes ! All the CHANGING and CREATING is done by the Heavenly Father as a SCULPTOR works on a stone !



Only the stone must be COMPLETELY SURRENDERED into His HANDS !



Thus by and by the time comes to be **“born of the spirit”**.

Here we must **NOTE** that it is **only the “NEW MIND”** that is being spoken of, which is to be **“born of the spirit”**

as we read in -

I Corinthians 15:42-44

“It is sown a NATURAL body; it is raised a SPIRITUAL body.”

Here the **“it”** is a reference to -



.....**“the new mind”**

It was **“sown”** in a **NATURAL FLESHLY BODY** but in the **RESURRECTION** is **“raised to life”** in a **SPIRIT BODY !**



This **“BIRTH”** process is described in -

I Corinthians 15:52-53

“In a moment in the twinkling of an eye , at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruptible , and this mortal must put on immortality.”

Yes ! Here is a reference to the **BODIES !!**

This **“new mind”** from the body of **“corruptible”** and **FLESH** must **“put on”** -



.....**“IMMORTALITY”** and a **SPIRIT BODY**

**THIS IS THE BIRTH PROCESS OF THE
“new creature” !!**



WHEN DOES this BIRTH take place ?

We read the answer in -

I Thessalonians 4:16,17

“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven...and the dead in Christ shall RISE FIRST. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.....”



Yes ! It is to be.....at the Lord's **SECOND COMING** and.....in
the **FIRST RESURRECTION** of
"the dead in christ".

Yes ! The "BIRTH" of all the **NEW CREATURES** awaits
the **SECOND COMING** of the Lord !!



Now someone might ask, **HOW WILL** that **NEW "spirit"**
body be like ?? We find the answer in -

I John 3:2

"It doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that ,**WHEN HE SHALL
APPEAR** , we shall be **LIKE HIM**; for we shall see
Him as He IS."



Just imagine that
THOUGHT !!



"...WE SHALL
BE
LIKE HIM"



This embryonic "NEW MIND" is born of the spirit as a spirit being having a body like the Lord Jesus Himself - in His own nature -



...THE DIVINE NATURE !!

TRULY WHAT A SPECTACULAR BIRTH IT IS !!

The SPIRITUAL "new mind" was BEGOTTEN in a FALLEN and SINFUL FLESH BODY and was thus DEVELOPED and in due time is BORN with a SPIRIT BODY which is THOROUGHLY SUITED to that "NEW MIND" !!

Ah ! As the Lord had Himself said to Nicodemus this "BIRTH" and the CONDITION of that birth can only be compared to the WIND as we read in -

John 3 : 8

"The wind bloweth where it listeth , and thou hearest the sound thereof , but canst not tell whence it cometh , and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the spirit."

Yes ! Upon this earth it is only the WIND that can best describe this BIRTH and its CONDITION !!



IT IS INVISIBLE because it is to THE SPIRIT CONDITION



.....AND IT IS POWERFUL as it is to the CONDITION and the CAPACITY of the DIVINE NATURE.

Yes ! Dear brethren and sisters, the TRUTH is that there can ONLY BE "BEGOTTEN AGAIN CHRISTIANS" in the flesh amongst us today !



For it will be **ONLY** at the Second Coming and in the **FIRST RESURRECTION** that

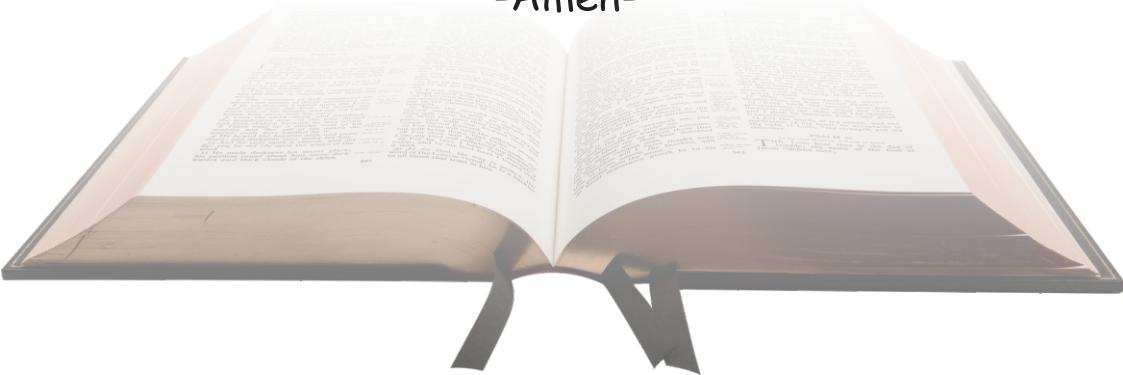
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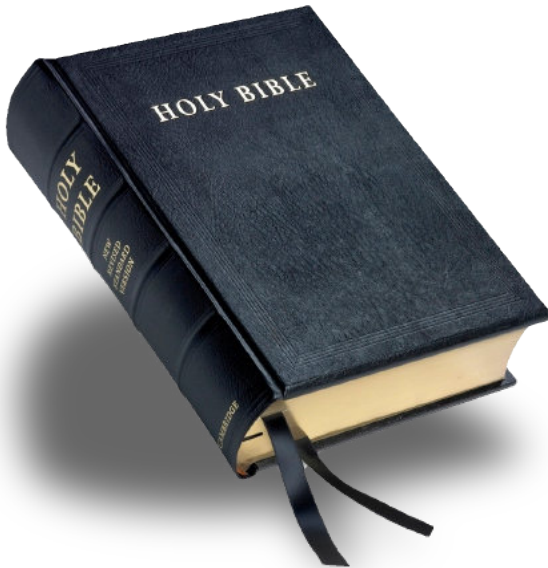
will come into **EXISTENCE !!**



**.....AND THAT IS THE TRUTH THAT THE LORD
TAUGHT NICODEMUS
AND THAT WE HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO LEARN
TODAY !!**

-Amen-





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