

FROM GRACE TO GLORY

LESSON 4

NOTES

There are many different ideas today about how a person is to be saved.

- > Jesus prayed that we would believe in Him through what the apostles taught. *John 17:18-20*
- > Even in Paul's day, people attempted to change the gospel that was given by the GRACE of God. *Galatians 1:6-9*
- > Anyone who has a salvation message other than that which is taught in the Bible is to be avoided. *Romans 16:17-18*
- > Don't be deceived by their appearance. *II Corinthians 11:13-15*

People today want to hear teachers who will tell them that they are fine just the way they are. *II Timothy 4:3; I John 4:6*

The New Birth

- > A man must be born again of "Water" and "Spirit," in order to see or enter the Kingdom of God. *John 3:1-8*
- > The first birth will take masses of humanity through the broad way, but new birth enables us to enter the strait gate. *Matthew 7:13-15*

We can fully understand what Jesus meant by new birth when we look at other verses in the Bible.

- > Jesus explained how one is to get into His kingdom. *Mark 16:16*
- > The word, "baptize" comes from the Greek word "bapto," which means dip, plunge or immerse. *Matthew 3:16*
- > Philip went down into the water to baptize the eunuch. *Acts 8:36-39*

A child who wasn't circumcised was not considered a Jew.

- > God entered a "covenant" with Abraham. *Genesis 17:7-14*
- > The physical act of circumcision had a spiritual meaning in the New Testament church. *Colossians 2:11-15*
- > If circumcision was essential to being a part of the Jewish nation, then baptism must be essential to be a part of the church.
- > Baptism is part of the salvation process. *I Peter 3:21*
- > A man named Ananias was sent to Paul to tell him what he must do. *Acts 22:16*

Baptism is an act of our faith which washes away our sin.

- > Jesus told His followers to wait in Jerusalem for special power. *Luke 24:49*
- > That power would be the power of God's Holy Spirit. *Acts 1:8*
- > Jesus' followers went to Jerusalem to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 1:14-15*

Ten days later they were born of the Spirit. *Acts 2:1-4*

- > When the Jews heard these Galileans speaking in tongues they were amazed! *Acts 2:7-8*
- > Peter answered their question about the prophesied event. *Acts 2:15-18*
- > Peter preached about Jesus being the Messiah, and that they were responsible for His death. *Acts 2:36-37*
- > Peter delivered to them the NEW BIRTH message. *Acts 2:38*

Born of the water is baptism. Born of the Spirit is the Holy Ghost.

- > Peter continued his sermon by telling them that the promise is for all future generations. *Acts 2:39*
- > This might appear to be a contradiction of Jesus' own words. *Matthew 28:19*
- > But the apostles understood that name to be Jesus. *Luke 24:47*
- > In Jesus dwelt all of the fullness of God bodily and no other name can save. *Acts 4:12*
- > God tells Cornelius to call for Peter. *Acts 10:6*
- > As Peter was preaching something wonderful happened. *Acts 10:44-48*

There is more to new birth than simply acknowledging Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

- > The apostle Paul asked a group of men in Ephesus an interesting question. *Acts 19:2*
- > Paul introduces them to the new birth. *Acts 19:3-7*

The Holy Spirit is the greatest gift we will ever have.

- > The Spirit of God is a teacher. *John 14:26*
- > The Spirit of God is a guide. *John 16:13*
- > God's Spirit gives us boldness to be His witnesses. *Acts 1:8*
- > The Spirit of God in us will resurrect us at Jesus' second coming. *Romans 8:11*
- > The Holy Spirit gives us a prayer language. *I Corinthians 14:14-15*
- > The Holy Spirit helps us to pray when we don't know what to pray. *Romans 8:26*
- > Praying in the Spirit builds our faith. *Jude 20*

We engage in spiritual warfare when we put on the armor of God and pray in the Spirit. *Ephesians 6:17-18*

- > Tongues is a uniform external evidence that lets the people know when they have received His gift. *John 3:8*
- > Tongues was how the Jews knew that the gift was for the Gentiles. *Acts 10:45-46*
- > Tongues shows God's lordship over our lives. *James 3:8*

If God is able to master our words, He is able to influence all of our other actions.

- > God wants everyone to receive His Spirit. *Luke 11:9-13*