

Being Born Again

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Situation

Whenever you come into a new company or organization, you will receive what is considered a “New Orientation Packet” designed to provide you information about the company, your benefits, any equipment or uniform issues that you may require, information briefings so that you can become aware of the policies and rules of conduct within the company. You will also learn their ethics, values, and goals which you are required to adhere, enforce, and value as well.

Well, we should approach our new life in Christ the same way. The moment we give our lives unto Jesus as Lord and Savior, we enter into covenant with God, a new creature, becoming part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a citizen of the kingdom of God.

God has provide for us a “New Orientation” Packet for us today. The following slides gives us an idea of what it may look at if it was presented in a way we would understand it today.

Your New Creation Packet

- **Your “Get out of Hell” Free Card**
- **Your “Rapture” Ticket: To be used at the sound of the trumpet**
 - For some of you religious people, please be on time
- **Fitting for your Spiritual Armor complete with Sword of Spirit**
- **Spiritual Gifts/Ministry Gifts will be provided as directed**
- **Garment of Praise for the Spirit of Heaviness**
- **Spirit of Wisdom imparted**
- **The Joy of the Lord for those times you need Strength (Neh 8:10)**

New Creation Packet

- **Wealth/Finances available upon belief**
- **Living Water (Only need one bottle because you will never thirst again)**
- **Authority to Use Name of Jesus Card**
- **Blood of Jesus – Will Plead for your behalf when you sin**
- **Stand by your Covenant Briefing so you may know what is yours as a believer**
- **Briefing will conclude with the ceremonial presentation of the Keys to the Kingdom**

Church Orientation

Unfortunately, Many times an individual gets Saved and joins the church, he or she receives a packet on how best they can serve the church rather than what is expected of them as citizens of the kingdom of God.

There is an expectation for both and should be explained clearly and with conviction.

Uniqueness of Being Saved:

Several Churches no longer amplifies the beauty of being saved since we so don't want to offend anyone with our righteousness mindset (although we are constantly barraged with their profanity, philosophies, and sinful lifestyles). Don't you know that you:

- **Were bought with a price and given a new name that is written in the Book of Life (1st Cor 6:20; Rev 20:12-14)**
- **Saved from eternal damnation, curses, and made a new creature (You can start all over): (2 Corinthians 5:17)**
- **Given a new nature, a blessed hope, and an expected end (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10; Jeremiah 29:11)**

Blessed Benefits

- ***Can experience and sustain health, prosperity, blessings, peace from a loving, caring Father (III John 1:2)***
- ***Have the life of God dwelling inside you (Gal 2:20; Acts 17:28) and that you are filled with wisdom and the knowledge of God's Will (Ephesians 1:17-19)***
- ***Adoption into the family of God, being set apart as something special, a chosen Generation, a royal priesthood (1st Peter 2:9; Romans 8:15)***

Blessed Benefits

- *Have been made more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:37); You are fighting a battle that is already won!*
- *Been given a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind (You don't have to lose your mind, it is restored) – (2nd Timothy 1:7)*
- *Have a Father who will fight for you and give you Victory (you can hold your peace in many situations and let Him fight for you) – (2nd Chronicles 20:17)*

What Does it Mean to be Born Again

- **John 3:3: 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**
 - **Jesus said it** – The Son of God established this requirement
 - **Verily, Verily** – Means of a certainty; Not maybe or any other tactic or condition
 - **Except a Man** – Men and women of all character and walks of life
 - **Born Again** - Born from above; Born anew by the Spirit as man was created in the Garden of Eden; Also means “Born Another” meaning you are not the same anymore
 - **He cannot see**, be fitted for, or experience the kingdom of God – Being born again is a pre-requisite for being a part of God’s kingdom

Being “Saved”

Romans 10:13: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

- **Shall Call** – To cry out and call, to invoke, worship; to appeal to; acknowledge him as Sovereign; Also denotes human responsibility
- **The Name** - *the name is used for everything which the name covers; God’s name has so many meanings that it covers whatever you need; Represents divine authority*
- **Of the Lord** – *he to which a person belongs which has the power of deciding over one’s life*
- **Shall be Saved** – saved from perishing; delivered from the penalty of God’s judgment; to make well; restore to health; prosperous; to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance; keep safe and secure

Who You Going to Call?

- *Who you call in a time of emergency reflects the Service you Need or the condition you are in*
 - *Police: Safety, Crimes, Domestic Issues*
 - *Fire Department: House is on Fire: Emergency*
 - *Doctor: Health*
- *The Names of God is Appropriate for every need of the human condition (Here's a few Names of many)*
 - *Jehovah Jireh – Provider*
 - *Jehovah Shalom – Our Peace*
 - *El Shaddai – The Lord who is Sufficient for the Needs of His People*
 - *Jehovah Ropheka – The Lord our Healer*

Jesus or Satan?

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, **and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ***Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ:*** for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. **11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death
(Revelation 12:9-11)

Who are you going to call upon?

- **Hint: One is Defeated, the Other Victorious**

Being Born Again

- 1 Peter 1:23: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
- (Amp): You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God.
- Greek: to produce again; born anew
- to have one's mind changed so that he lives a new life and one conformed to the will of God

Born Again

- Being Born Again is more about “Nature” and “Status”
 - We received a new nature and a eternally blessed status with the Father
- It's being re-positioned from a doom position to a prosperous, healthy one (Psalms 40:2)
- Receipt of an Incorruptible Nature:
 - communicating godly and living principles to the soul which can never decay.
 - In man's corruptible state his mind was on evil continually (Genesis 6:5)
 - "His seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1st John 3:9

Is Everyone Saved?

More than 90 percent of Americans believe in God or a universal power, and more than half pray at least once a day, according to results of a poll released today that takes an in-depth look at Americans' religious beliefs.

- *If this is true then why is America is in the shape it is in spiritually?*
- *Being Born Again is more about a changed lifestyle than just a belief (“The devils believe” -James 2:19)*
- *Converting Faith – A faith that causes of to change our way of living and pursue a new life through Jesus*



Being Born Again

- **Being born again is choosing Incorruptible over a corruptible lifestyle**
 - Romans 1:23- Man attempts to change God's image to suit his image
- **Man, in a corruptible state cannot dwell with God**
 - Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden because they became corrupted and God could not allow them to live eternally in the state they are in
 - Today, we believe that Heaven allows people of a corruptible nature regardless of their Rebellion
- **Rebellion is Man's true Problem**
 - The Sin Nature is a fruit of Man's rebellion
- **God told Cain, "Sin lieth at your door...."**
 - Cain was given opportunity to act as God or act according to his nature
 - How do you respond to the presence or option of good and evil?

Who's Image?

Our Goal, Our Desire is to be like God, not for God to be like us

Romans 1:21-23

*Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things*

“If we can change the reflection, we can portray our own image”

“If I Can Change the Image”

- Just as Man seeks to reduce the Image of God, He also seeks to reduce the Image of the Church
- If One can reduce **the Image** (which represents power and authority) he can reduce the **Impact** on His/Her life
- Why do you think Satan doesn't want you to know who you are and your rights and authority as a believer?
- **“It's Not About Titles”** – Then Why did God place men and women in the church in the area of Ministry Gifts?
(Ephesians 3:7)
- We have pastors who dress in “Clown Suits” to please the People who he or she can appear “approachable” and “acceptable”

Galatians 1:10: Now am I trying to win the favor of men, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah). (Amplified Bible)

Spiritual Rebellion

- Our attempts to reduce the Image and Impact of Authority reflects our Rebellious and Corrupt Nature
 - We Want our Parents to be our Friends
 - Our Ministers to be Entertainers
 - Our Leadership to be laid back and “common”
- There is an attempt to remove the book of Hebrews from the Bible because it speaks of spiritual authority
 - **(Hebrews 13:7, 17)**
 - **We, as humans have the propensity to resist authority**

We are Being “Transformed”

2 Corinthians 3:18: And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

- The Word of God serves as our mirror, transforming us as we choose to obey it (Romans 10:9, 10, 14)
- Most mirrors were “metal” so you would have to gaze “Steadily” and not casually.
- Are being transformed: As we behold the glory of God, we will be transformed. God will change our lives, and change us from the inside-out. Though the old covenant had its glory, it could never transform lives through the law. God uses the new covenant to make us transformed people, not just “nice” people. (Guzik’s Commentary)

Born Again

- Being Born Again is the process by which we **are “Fitted for Heaven”** by transforming us from a corruptible state unto an incorruptible
- “The Bride is much prepared to meet the groom”
- To dwell with the Father we must daily become more like our Father
- Man attempts to “reduce” God to his level decreases the need for him to rise to God’s standards
 - ***We are even seeing this in our church leadership***
- ***“Mirrors don’t lie. They reflect what is presented before them.”***

Salvation is of a Certainty

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. (1 John 5:13)

- *You need to know that you have been saved, delivered, set free, preserved, born anew*
- *Your confidence in your salvation is manifested in your behavior*

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

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Salvation is a “Calling”

- **Call to Discipleship:** “Disciplined Followers”
 - Romans 1:7
- **Call to a Royal Priesthood:** 1st Peter 2:9
 - His own special people: We are special because we belong to God.
- **Call to Holiness** – A life separated and uncontaminated by worldly influence
- **Call to Service:** 2 Timothy 2:3,4
 - You are now enlisted into the Army of God

Conclusion

- It is still necessary and a joy to be born again. A new nature is God's first gift.
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- We are supposed to exchange our filthy rags and tattered clothing at the cross. The problem is that we want to keep them on.
- Rebellion is man's greatest problem as he spurns the gift that God gave him: "Free Will." A Sinful Nature is the fruit that Rebellion
- God's promise of a new nature, a new life, a new beginning, precious promises, and eternal life is still available to all that call out to Him in Faith
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Prayer

Father,

I thank you that I have been delivered, saved, made righteous, made whole, complete, prosperous, made a son/daughter with relationship benefits, called with a holy calling and will one day spend eternity with you.

I renounce Satan and the hidden works of darkness and choose to call upon your Name and to project the image of your dear Son, Jesus in my life

I give up my corrupt nature born through rebellion and I choose the incorruptible nature that is rooted and founded in Christ and lived out the Spirit of God



Prayer

I Confess that Jesus is my Lord, My King. It is He Alone that I choose to serve and I dedicate my life to Him.

Father, you said that you will keep me and preserve me
Spirit, Soul, and Body

I place my trust in you and rejoice today that I am truly
Redeemed, Righteous, Restore, Rejuvenated, and
Renovated as a New Creature in Christ Jesus

Amen