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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.

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.**

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be **born again**.

Man has often been confused, as Nicodemus was, on what is meant by born of the water and the spirit. In this study, we will look at what Jesus meant by born of the Spirit.

The Church was established in the book of Acts. No other place in the Bible will you find the complete plan of Salvation. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are called The Gospels, (meaning good news). They tell of the divine birth of Jesus, his deity, miracles and the calling of his disciples to carry His message to the world. The books from Romans through Jude are to Churches that were established in the book of Acts. These books were like maintenance manuals dealing with specific problems and encouragement to these churches.

Acts 1:3 To whom also he **shewed himself alive after his passion** by many infallible proofs, **being seen of them forty days**, and speaking of the things pertaining to the **kingdom of God**.

Jesus taught his disciples an additional 40 days after his death burial and resurrection. He appeared to them many times during this 40-day period.

SOME OF HIS TEACHING AFTER HIS DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION.

Jesus said: Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **endued** with power from on high.

ENDUED MEANS MADE ALIVE WITH POWER

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

ONE INCIDENT WHEN HE SHOWED HIMSELF TO HIS DISCIPLES

John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

John 20:20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

So the Holy Ghost is the breath of Jesus Christ!

Let us examine this more and see how this can be possible.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

God breathed into the nostrils of man and man became a living soul. This breath of God is what distinguishes us from all other animals. We have a soul that will live forever somewhere. This was the first man Adam and represents the natural birth.

THE LAST MAN ADAM IS JESUS

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

QUICKENING SPIRIT (MADE ALIVE WITH THE SPIRIT).

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

Jesus breathed on his disciples and said unto them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost. This second breath of God, (for Jesus is the revealed name of God), is the NEW BIRTH EXPERIENCE! This is what Jesus meant when he said unto Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again."

Paul tells us that the last Adam, (referring to Jesus), was made a quickening spirit. The word quickening means to give or restore life to. This is what happens when we receive the Holy Ghost, our life is restored to us.

RESTORED TO LIFE (REBORN) BORN AGAIN.

IS THE HOLY GHOST NECESSARY IF YOU BELIEVE?

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU BELIEVE?

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

JESUS SAID AS THE SCRIPTURE HATH SAID!

John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

WHAT WAS JESUS TALKING ABOUT AS THE SCRIPTURE HATH SAID?

- 1. Emperor Nero murdered Peter and Paul 68 a.d.**
- 2. Destroyed Jerusalem and Temple 70 a.d.**
- 3. Emperor Domitian exiled John to Patmos 95a.d.**
- 4. Apostles Creed was written in 150 a.d. Adopted from the Roman Creed!!! (long after apostles were dead).**
 - a. speaks of allegiance to Holy Catholic Church!**
- 5. Emperor Constantine called Nicene Council 325a.d.
Trinity was authorized. Baptism changed to Sprinkle.**
- 6. Emperor Theodosius made it a state religion 392a.d.**
- 7. Empress Irene o.k. statues & images in 787a.d.**
- 8. Pope Gregory VII stopped priest from marrying 590-604. This has led to a lot of scandals for the Catholic Church.**

9. King Henry of England took over the churches in England and made himself head of the Church of England in 1534 because Pope Clement would not allow him to divorce.

10. As late as 1950 Pope Pius changed prayer to the Virgin Mary.

Galatians 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, **preach any other gospel** unto you than that which we have **preached** unto you, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, If **any [man] preach any other gospel** unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

OUT OF HIS BELLY SHALL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER?

John 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: **for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.**)

**AFTER JESUS MADE THIS STATEMENT DEATH ---BURIAL---
RESURECTION--**

JOHN THE REVELATOR SAW JESUS SITTING ON THE THRONE

**EXAMPLE OF BELIEVERS NEEDING THE HOLY GHOST &
BAPTISM IN JESUS NAME**

Acts 19:1-6 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, (2) He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. (3) And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, **Unto John's baptism.** (4) **Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.** (5) **When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.** (6) And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, **the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.**

**John the Baptist was the fore runner of Christ. HE DID NOT
COME TO BUILD A CHURCH!**

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the **Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

JOHN'S DISCIPLES BELIEVED, BUT THEY HAD TO OBEY THE PLAN OF SALVATION "AS THE SCRIPTURE HATH SAID." REMEMBER JESUS ALSO SAID, "THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE."

IS THE HOLY GHOST ESSENTIAL IF YOU HAVE BEEN PROPERLY BAPTIZED?

YES, JESUS SAID, "WATER AND SPIRIT."

Acts 8:14-17 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: (15) Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (16) (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**) (17) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

IS BAPTISM NECESSARY IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST?

YES, JESUS SAID, "WATER AND SPIRIT."

Acts 10:44-48 (44) While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. (45) And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. (46) For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, (47) Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? (48) **And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

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.

JESUS SAID

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life:** no man cometh unto **the** Father, but by me.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life:** he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

John 11:26 **And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?**

AUTHORITY TO MAKE THESE STATEMENTS?

1 Timothy 3:16 And **without controversy** great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Jesus IS the One and only God of the universe who was manifest in the flesh. The body was the Son of God after the flesh. The Spirit within that body was God. Jesus is the revealed name of God.

2 Corinthians 5:19 To wit, that **God was in Christ**, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Colossians 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead **bodily**.