

# REGENERATION & THE HOLY SPIRIT

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"A certain teaching tells us to 'take it by faith' and not to worry about feelings. 'You may feel nothing at all,' it says, 'but if you believe this Word and its teaching you can take the Holy Spirit by faith irrespective of any feeling.' **THE WHOLE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT TEACHES THE OPPOSITE.** So does the subsequent history of the Christian Church... **YOU CANNOT BE BAPTIZED OR FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHOUT KNOWING IT. IT IS THE GREATEST EXPERIENCE ONE CAN EVER KNOW. THE TEACHING THAT ASSURES US THAT WE MAY FEEL NOTHING AT ALL RUNS ENTIRELY CONTRARY NOT ONLY TO THE TEACHING OF THE SCRIPTURE BUT TO THE RECORDED EXPERIENCES OF COUNTLESS CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES.**" *D. M. Lloyd-Jones, Romans - The Sons Of God*

"In the Scriptures and in church history, **PERSONS FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT ALWAYS KNEW THEY WERE FILLED, AND IT WAS AN INSTANTANEOUS ACT, NOT A GRADUAL FILLING.**" *A. W. Tozer, The Tozer Pulpit, Vol II*

"Give someone an **ELECTRIC SHOCK** and I warrant you he will know it, **BUT IF HE HAS THE HOLY GHOST, HE WILL KNOW IT MUCH MORE.**" *C. H. Spurgeon, Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Vol XXX, Receiving The Holy Ghost*

"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, **HE IS NONE OF HIS.**" *Romans 8:9*

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; **THE FLESH PROFITETH NOTHING:** the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." *John 6:63*

**T**he vast, vast majority of those who profess to be Christians **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, even though they cannot remember the **MOMENT** the Holy Spirit supposedly indwelt them, even though they cannot remember the **MANIFEST SUPERNATURAL EXPERIENCE** that occurs with **ALL** who are born of the Spirit -- there are **NO** exceptions -- even though they cannot honestly and legitimately testify that they can remember the **EVENT** and the **MOMENT** when Jesus Christ **PERSONALLY** introduced **HIMSELF** to them, and spoke to them, and communed with them, an **EVENT** and a **MOMENT** which **ALL** who are born of the Spirit can **REMEMBER** and can honestly and legitimately testify of it being the greatest **EXPERIENCE** one could ever imagine, as observed in the quotation above.

**A**nd those who **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit without the **MANIFEST SUPERNATURAL EXPERIENCE** of being baptized in and filled with

the Holy Spirit denigrate and cheapen what Jesus Christ purchased for his elect, and therefore damn themselves to a greater extent than **ALL** who do **NOT** profess to be Christian. Indeed, the **VAST** majority of those who profess to be Christian simply **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, even though they cannot remember the **MOMENT** the Holy Spirit supposedly indwelt them.

**O**f course, as all who are genuinely born again know, and as the quotations above reveal, this is not possible. Not even remotely. To assert that one does not remember the **MOMENT** he was baptized in and filled with the Holy Spirit, or does not remember the **EXPERIENCE** of being baptized in and filled with the Holy Spirit, is akin to saying you met the top three leaders of the world in a grand, magisterial ceremony, but yet, you not only can't remember any of the details of that meeting, you likewise can't even remember the meeting or the event itself, even though there is nothing wrong with your mind or your health.

**W**hich is, of course, absurd.

**I**n other words, those who **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit simply because they've "*made a decision for Christ*", or because they "*accepted Jesus as their Saviour*", or because they "*prayed the sinner's prayer*", or because they walked down an aisle at a crusade or in a church, or any number of other such monstrous, anti-biblical **WILL-WORSHIP SUPERSTITIONS**, are the most deluded people on the planet, **BAR NONE**.

**I**n short, it is **NOT POSSIBLE** to be baptized in and filled with the Holy Spirit without **NOT ONLY** knowing it, but without it likewise being **FAR AND AWAY** the **GREATEST EXPERIENCE** you have ever -- or **COULD** ever -- know. It simply ain't possible, and those who think it is are as deluded as deluded can be. Further, **WITHOUT** such an **EXPERIENCE**, it isn't possible to be regenerated, to be born again, for being indwelt and filled with the Holy Spirit occurs **IMMEDIATELY AFTER** regeneration in **ALL** whom he indwells -- there are no exceptions -- and he who thinks it is possible to be indwelt by and filled with the Holy Spirit without it being **FAR AND AWAY** the **GREATEST EXPERIENCE** one could ever possibly know, is the most deceived man in the universe, **BAR NONE**. There are no exceptions.

**T**hat's why Jesus said there are **FEW** that will be saved, and that is why there are **FEW** who can **HONESTLY** and **LEGITIMATELY** testify to having had such an **EXPERIENCE**.

**A**h, the irony. There are multitudes who have preached in the name of Jesus for ten or twenty or thirty or forty or fifty years or more, and who have led dozens or hundreds or thousands in "*the sinner's prayer*," or some other formula mimicking regeneration, all of them false and anti-biblical, yet who **CANNOT** -- and who **WILL NOT** -- **BELIEVE** that they are **NOT** born again, who **WILL NOT** even **SUSPECT** that they are **NOT** born again (because they refuse to seriously examine themselves according to biblical and spiritual guidelines), but alas, they are utter **STRANGERS** to the new birth, utter **STRANGERS** to the **MIRACLE** of regeneration and the filling of the Holy Spirit, and who, while they now **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit (even though they cannot **HONESTLY** and **LEGITIMATELY** testify to **AN UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTER** with the Holy Spirit), so while they now **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, will nevertheless be, as Tozer stated, **WHITE WITH SHOCK** on the day of judgment when Jesus Christ says to them, "*I NEVER KNEW YOU. DEPART FROM ME,*" as it is written --

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." *Matthew 7:22-23*

**A**nd yet, that is **EXACTLY** what Jesus Christ is going to say to **ALL** who **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and yet who have not **EXPERIENCED** the **MIRACLE** of regeneration in an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTER**, whereby a man is **FILLED** in **A MOMENT OF TIME** with the Holy Spirit in an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of the Holy Ghost, an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** which is the greatest **EXPERIENCE** one can ever know. There will be **NO** exceptions, for as it is written, *if any man have NOT the Spirit of Christ, he is NONE OF HIS.*

**F**urthermore, until such a man renounces his **WILL-WORSHIP SUPERSTITIONS**, he has **ZERO** chance of **EVER** being born again. Until such a man renounces his **OWN WILL** in the matter of regeneration, including the monstrous, anti-biblical **SUPERSTITIONS** of "*making a decision for Christ*" or "*praying the sinner's prayer*" or "*accepting Jesus as your Saviour*" or walking down an aisle at a crusade or in a church, or any number of other such **WILL-WORSHIP SUPERSTITIONS**, indeed, until such a man renounces these, he has **ZERO** chance of **EVER** going to heaven. Until such a man realizes that Jesus Christ doesn't need the sinner's permission to save him, he will **NEVER** arrive at the level of humiliation that **ALL** arrive at who thereafter undergo the **EXPERIENCE** of regeneration and the filling of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, the **FIRST** step to being **GENUINELY** born again is to realize that Jesus Christ saves **WHOM HE WILL, WHEN HE WILL, and WHERE HE WILL**, as he **HIMSELF** said so --

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; **EVEN SO THE SON QUICKENETH WHOM HE WILL.**" *John 5:21*

**T**his plain statement by Jesus Christ is of course in direct opposition to the unregenerate free-willers and proud reformed doctrinalists who know nothing of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, who simply **ASSUME** that they have been indwelt by the Holy Spirit because they've "*made a decision for Christ*", or because they "*accepted Jesus as their Saviour*", or because they "*prayed the sinner's prayer*", or because they walked down an aisle at a crusade or in a church, or any number of other such monstrous, anti-biblical **WILL-WORSHIP SUPERSTITIONS**.

**I**n short, Jesus Christ saves **WHOM** he will, **WHEN** he will, **WHERE** he will, and **NONE** can stay his hand. There are no exceptions. And the man who refuses to bow before this **PLAIN** declaration of Jesus Christ has **ZERO** chance of ever being born again himself, has **ZERO** chance of ever being indwelt by the Holy Spirit. **ZERO**, for the Lord Jesus will never save the man who spurns his **PLAIN** declarations, **ESPECIALLY** those statements which declare his absolute godhood and sovereignty, as does the declaration above.

**T**hose who continue to place their confidence in **THEIR OWN** will, in **THEIR OWN** actions, such "*making a decision for Christ*" or "*accepting Jesus as their Saviour*" or "*praying the sinner's prayer*" or walking down an aisle in a crusade or a church, or any number of other such monstrous, anti-biblical **WILL-WORSHIP SUPERSTITIONS**, **MUST ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit -- must **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit because that is **ALL** that they can do, having never had an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EXPERIENCE** in the Holy Spirit -- so indeed, they must **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit because they have never **EXPERIENCED** an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of the Holy Spirit themselves, and they **NEVER WILL** as long as they hold to **WILL-WORSHIP** as denoted in the **SUPERSTITIONS** above.

**B**ecause the Puritans were regenerate, they knew it was **IMPOSSIBLE** for anyone who is genuinely born of the Spirit to think that **THEIR OWN** will was the cause of their salvation, for no man who is genuinely born of the Holy Spirit could **EVER** buy into that Satanic delusion and **SUPERSTITION**, for the doctrine that asserts that a man's will is the first cause of his salvation is the very **HIGHEST SUPERSTITION**, and is likewise, as just seen, the **EXACT OPPOSITE** of Jesus Christ's very own words. As a sampling of what truly regenerate men of God have noted in the past --

"All the grace and mercy that are in the heart of God as Father to bestow upon his children, they are all given into the hand of Christ, and are his... He quickeneth whom he pleaseth. He walks among dead souls, and says to whom he will, "Live!"... No man was ever quickened, purified, or strengthened, but by him; nor can any dram of this grace be obtained but out of his treasures. **THOSE WHO PRETEND TO STORES OF IT IN THEIR OWN WILLS, ARE SO FAR ANTICHRISTS.**" *John Owen, Works, Vol 19, p 60, Exposition Of Hebrews*

"There is also that free-willer, who denies to the Holy Ghost the sole work in conversion; and that Socinian, who denieth to Christ that he hath made to God satisfaction for sin; and that Quaker, who takes from Christ the two natures in his person: and I might add as many more, touching whose damnation, they dying as they are, the Scripture is plain: **THESE WILL SEEK TO ENTER TO INTO HEAVEN, AND SHALL NOT BE ABLE.**" *John Bunyan, The Strait Gate*

**"MAN IS NOT REGENERATED BECAUSE HE WILLS IT SO. HE MUST BE BORN OF GOD.** Nowadays Christians entertain the incorrect concept that if anyone wishes to be saved and seeks the way of life he undoubtedly will be a good disciple of Christ, for nothing can be better than this desire. **GOD NONETHELESS AFFIRMS THAT IN THIS MATTER OF REGENERATION AS WELL AS IN ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO HIM, THE WILL OF MAN IS TOTALLY NONEFFICACIOUS.**" *Watchman Nee, The Spiritual Man, Vol III*

**N**aturally, the unregenerate who have no **EXPERIENCE** with the Holy Spirit, in an effort to try to justify their **SUPERSTITIONS**, will quote Scriptures like this one in Galatians in an attempt to overturn the **PLAIN** declarations of Jesus Christ --

"This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?" *Galatians 3:2*

**T**hose who attempt to employ this and other such Scriptures to overturn the **PLAIN** declarations of Jesus Christ and thereby support their **WILL-WORSHIP SUPERSTITIONS** only demonstrate that they themselves are complete strangers to the new birth and to even the **BASIC** operations of the Holy Spirit.

**Y**ou see, having no **EXPERIENCE** with the Holy Spirit, they don't know that regeneration **PRECEDES** the indwelling and filling of the Holy Spirit, and thus they have **NO CLUE** that the above verse is perfectly in line with, not only all the other Scriptures, like Ephesians 2:8, which states that **SAVING FAITH** is a **GIFT**, but also with the **PLAIN** declarations of the Lord Jesus Christ in John 5:21 and many other statements by him.

**I**ndeed, as **ALL** who are truly regenerate know, there was a time when they were **DEAD** in spirit, and then, **SUDDENLY**, the Lord Jesus made them **ALIVE, ALIVE** in **SPIRIT**, and then, **IMMEDIATELY AFTER**, they were enabled to believe **SAVINGLY**, for the first time **EVER**, they were **ENABLED TO BELIEVE SAVINGLY FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER**, and consequently, they were **IMMEDIATELY** indwelt by and filled with the Holy Spirit in an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of the Holy Spirit. Which is exactly what the Scriptures teach, and which is exactly what the truly regenerate have been saying for two thousand years, for this is the **EXPERIENCE** of **ALL** who are truly regenerate, as many have noted --

**"WHEN I FIRST DISCOVERED WHAT FAITH REALLY WAS, AND EXERCISED IT** -- for with me these two things came together, **I BELIEVED AS SOON AS EVER I KNEW WHAT BELIEVING MEANT** -- then I thought I had never before heard that truth preached." *C. H. Spurgeon, Autobiography -- The Great Change - Conversion*

**"NONE OF US BELIEVE BY NATURE:** but after the Holy Ghost has convinced us of the sin of our natures, and the sin of our lives and duties, in order to convince us of our utter inability to save ourselves, **AND THAT WE MUST BE BEHOLDEN TO GOD, AS FOR EVERYTHING ELSE, SO FOR FAITH** (without which it is impossible to please, or be saved by Christ) **HE CONVINCES US ALSO, THAT WE HAVE NO FAITH."** *George Whitefield, Sermon, The Holy Spirit Convincing The World Of Sin, Righteousness, And Judgment*

**T**his is why the Scriptures state so dogmatically that it is impossible for a man who is devoid of the Holy Spirit to understand the Scriptures. Those who are unregenerate **THINK** they can understand the Scriptures, for they have no clue that the Scriptures themselves are **SUPERNATURAL**, and only he who is **SUPERNATURALLY INDWELT** by the Holy Spirit in an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of the Holy Spirit, can truly understand the Scriptures. And the unregenerate's abuse of so many Scriptures, like the one in Galatians above, is **INFALLIBLE** proof, not only of their inability to understand the Scripture, but likewise of their **CERTAIN** unregeneracy. In short, there isn't a genuinely born again believer alive who is a free-willer. Not one. Just as Owen and Bunyan testified above, and as **ALL** who are genuinely born of the Spirit know.

**Y**et, on the other side of the coin from the free-willers are those who place their confidence in their doctrine. They hold to all the substantial doctrines of the Reformation and therefore **ASSUME** that they must be indwelt by the Holy Spirit because they, too, have made professions of faith in Jesus Christ, but unlike the free-willers, they believe that it was the Holy Spirit who led them to place their faith in Jesus Christ in the first place, never realizing for a second that their **OWN FAITH** is a **DAMNING** faith, a non-saving faith, a **FLESHLY** faith, and therefore of no account. None whatsoever.

**T**hese will testify with their mouths that saving faith is the gift of God, but in their practice they utterly deny it to be so, for even though they cannot **HONESTLY** and **LEGITIMATELY** testify to an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of the Holy Spirit, they nevertheless **ASSUME** that because they've made a mental commitment to Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit must therefore have been involved in their mental commitment, never comprehending the simple fact that their faith is not one iota different than the faith of a Muslim, or a Hindu, or any other man-made religion. They have never understood that **SAVING FAITH** is **UTTERLY SUPERNATURAL** and is therefore **UTTERLY BEYOND** the scope of any man. Not knowing this, they place their confidence in their orthodox doctrine, believing that their correct doctrine must be from God.

**O**f course, nothing could be further from the truth. As the Lord Jesus himself stated, **MANY** will appear before him in that day who **THINK** they are born again, who **THINK** that they are saved, who **ASSUMED** that they were indwelt by the Holy Spirit, even though they cannot **HONESTLY** and **LEGITIMATELY** testify to an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of the Holy Ghost, but who will yet be deluded through and through. They, like the free-willers, will be utterly confounded on the day of judgment, as Tozer smartly noted --

"In that great and terrible day, there will be those **WHITE WITH SHOCK** when they find that they have depended upon a mental assent to Christianity instead of upon the **MIRACLE** of the new birth." *A. W. Tozer, The Tozer Pulpit, Vol I*

**A**fter **ASSUMING** they have been indwelt by the Holy Spirit, even though they cannot **HONESTLY** and **LEGITIMATELY** testify to an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of the Holy Spirit, the rest of their deception is a foregone conclusion. Once Satan has gotten a man to **ASSUME** he's indwelt by the Holy Spirit, even though such a man cannot **HONESTLY** and **LEGITIMATELY** testify to an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of the Holy Spirit, Satan knows that deceiving that man further is mere child's play, for having bought into the great lie, the lesser lies are swallowed without an iota of suspicion.

**I**n the first place, those who **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit quickly develop a dynamic to convince themselves that such is true, that is, that the Holy Spirit does, in fact, indwell them, thus further deceiving themselves, for they cannot testify to the actual **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EXPERIENCE** of being indwelt by the Holy Spirit. But having dismissed this **FIRST** necessity, that is, having dismissed the **EVIDENCE** of being filled with the Holy Spirit as being unnecessary, they quickly fabricate a new spectrum of evidence as they go along, substituting their own false qualifications for the true evidence, thus further sealing them in their deception.

**F**or example, after **ASSUMING** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, they next begin to **ASSUME** that their own thoughts and their own groanings in the soul are actually those of the Holy Ghost. They have no clue whatsoever that their own thoughts and their own groanings in the soul are **ENTIRELY DISTINCT** from the movings of the Holy Spirit, but having never **EXPERIENCED** the operations of the Holy Spirit themselves, they are utterly incapable of **DISTINGUISHING** between their own movings and those of the Holy Spirit. They have never experienced the **RAW POWER** of the Holy Ghost indwelling them, or the **RAW POWER** of his indictings and movings within them, and thus, in order to ratify their own **ASSUMPTIONS**, they contrive out of their own imaginations the movings and indictings of the Holy Ghost in order to sustain the charade of their supposed regeneration, for the one thing they **CANNOT** do, **DARE**

**NOT** do, is suspect **THEMSELVES** of being unregenerate. They have **NO CLUE** of what Paul truly meant when he wrote --

"For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in **POWER**."  
*1 Corinthians 4:20*

"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in **DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT AND OF POWER**." *1 Corinthians 2:4*

**A**las, what pulpiteer today can make this claim? Perhaps one out of a hundred thousand, if that.

**O**n the other hand, those of us who are truly born again and mature in the Lord Jesus can testify to these Scriptures being **MANIFESTLY** fulfilled in preaching and giving our personal testimonies, and it will be shown on the day of judgment just how **FEW** are truly saved, and that the vast, vast majority of those who ever were genuinely saved were saved not in great crusades or church services, by one-by-one from the personal evangelism of truly regenerate saints. One here, one there, is the primary means whereby Jesus Christ makes up his jewels for his kingdom. Ah, the world is going to be **SHOCKED** on the day of judgment at how **FEW** will be saved indeed, just as the Lord of Glory **HIMSELF**, even the Lord Jesus Christ, **PLAINLY** stated, and the failure of those who **ASSUME** that they are filled by the Holy Spirit to recognize this **PLAIN** Scriptural truth is one reason why they remain blind and ignorant of the new birth and therefore blind and ignorant of even **BASIC** spiritual matters.

**Y**ou see, for a man to admit that he is **NOT** truly regenerate, especially the pastor or missionary, or someone who has professed Christianity most or all of his life, indeed, for such a man to confess that he is **NOT** truly regenerate would cut to the very root of his pride, for pride is ultimately what drives the lost soul who stubbornly maintains he's saved. Moreover, this man is generally unequaled when it comes to projecting a false humility, not knowing what true humility is, and so, it is just here that Satan makes his greatest stand, for Satan knows that **BEFORE** a man can become regenerated, **BEFORE** a man can be baptized in and filled with the Holy Ghost, which occurs **IMMEDIATELY AFTER** regeneration -- there are no exceptions -- a man must **FIRST** come to the stark realization that he is **NOT** truly born again, that -- no matter how long he may have been confessing Jesus Christ with his lips, he has no **EVIDENCE** that Jesus Christ has ever confessed **HIM**, for he has never **EXPERIENCED** the **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of the Holy Spirit in the **MIRACLE** of the new birth, which Jesus Christ gives unto **ALL** he regenerates, for the **GIFT** of the Holy Ghost is the **PRIMARY GIFT** that Jesus Christ purchased for his elect -- there are no exceptions -- and thus Satan will fuel this man's delusion to the uttermost, for once get a man to see -- to **TRULY** see -- that he is lost, that he is genuinely and fatally lost, and only a heartbeat away from eternal damnation, indeed, once get a man to see this, it will not then be long

before he cries out to Jesus Christ with a cry that will shatter the ages, soon after which angels will be seen rejoicing, and Satan will himself be seen like lightning falling from heaven.

**I**n more advanced cases, such protocols are indications of the judicial hardening of the Father **HIMSELF** upon their souls, which is to say, God has given them over to their own reprobate minds and to the delusions of Satan in order -- as Bunyan says -- to complete their destruction. These are those who primarily have stubbornly refused to acknowledge their sin and repent of it and make restitution where possible, and who have instead engaged in sin in the name of Jesus Christ, and then justified their sin before angels and men in the name of Jesus Christ, and finally have twisted the Word of God to accommodate their sin, all in the name of Jesus Christ. Indeed, the Father **HIMSELF** often gives such men over to the control of Satan in order to complete their destruction, for they make a mockery of his only begotten Son, even the Lord Jesus Christ. Further, many of these souls, if not most, wind up entrenching themselves in one of the many "*inner life*" type cults, such as those that promote the deity of man, and who emphasize almost to the exclusion of all else their union with Christ, even though such a union is a mere figment of their deluded imaginations.

**L**ike the less extreme cases, they have **ASSUMED** that they were indwelt by the Holy Spirit because they made a mental commitment to Jesus Christ, and as a result of this mental commitment to Jesus Christ, they have **ASSUMED** that Jesus Christ has made the same commitment to them, even though Jesus Christ has given them no **EVIDENCE** of such a commitment by gifting them with the **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of the Holy Ghost upon and within them, which is an **ABSOLUTE NECESSITY** for true regeneration.

**A**nd yet, those who are orthodox in their faith but who likewise **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit are no better off. The only difference is that there is still a slight glimmer of hope for them, for it is still possible for them to come to the end of themselves and recognize that their entire life has been a life of nothing but the flesh, nothing but their **OWN FLESHLY FAITH**, and not that **SUPERNATURAL FAITH** that is required for **GENUINE** salvation. In such cases, which admittedly are rare, God will nevertheless bring this man to his knees through some spiritual crisis, a crisis which may not be a result of any fleshly or worldly event, such as a death in the family, or what-have-you, but rather, a spiritual crisis in which the soul of the man becomes so parched and dry that it causes the man to realize that he has never **EXPERIENCED** a genuine **NEW TESTAMENT** spiritual encounter, and thus he repents of his fleshly being in its entirety, and he cries out to Jesus Christ -- not the Father, not the Holy Spirit -- but to **JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF**, and he admits that he is unregenerate, and agrees in his soul that the wrath of God abides upon him still, even though he has been preaching Jesus Christ for forty or fifty years, or evangelizing in the name of Jesus Christ his entire life, and such like, but he has never **EXPERIENCED** a genuine **NEW TESTAMENT**

spiritual encounter, which **ALL** who are genuinely born again **EXPERIENCE** -- there are no exceptions -- and so he is granted that **SUPERNATURAL FAITH** that is requisite for **GENUINE** salvation.

**B**ut, as I said, such cases are rare indeed, are few and far between indeed, for in such a case a man must come to the realization that his entire life has been of no spiritual value whatsoever, and unfortunately there are **FEW** who can be made willing to arrive at this realization, even though it will cost them eternal life in the end, but such is the depth of the willful pride and stubbornness of sinful man. Though he cannot honestly and legitimately testify that Jesus Christ has **PERSONALLY** introduced **HIMSELF** to him, nor can he remember the **MOMENT** he was supposedly baptized in and filled with the Holy Spirit, yet he is so blinded by his own sinful nature, and so unwilling to give up his life of **SUPPOSED** service to Jesus Christ, that he cannot bring himself to believe that Jesus Christ will shun him in the end, for he has preached in the name of Jesus for fifty years, has proclaimed the name of Jesus all his life, yet because he is spiritually dead and blind, he cannot comprehend that the difference between his own **WILL-WORSHIP** and the true **MANIFEST SUPERNATURAL WITNESS** and **SUPERNATURAL WORKS WROUGHT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT** in the genuinely born again believer is the benchmark that the Lord Jesus will abide by in the day of judgment, and none other.

**T**his man has no clue why the Holy Spirit forbade the disciples to preach the Word of God in Asia; this man has no clue why God doesn't heal all the sick little children in the world when he has the power to do so, or why Jesus only healed **ONE** man out of **THOUSANDS** at Bethesda, and so on and so forth, for this man is utterly blind to the difference between works wrought by the Holy Spirit and works wrought by the flesh, and he has no clue that his entire life, spent in what he thinks has been service to Jesus Christ, has in fact been nothing but works of flesh, that his entire life of preaching and teaching and ministering in the name of Jesus Christ has in fact been nothing but an abomination in the eyes of God, for all his works have been wrought by the flesh, and thus, because he **CANNOT** and **WILL NOT** bring himself before the Lord Jesus to be truly examined by him, it is therefore only on the day of judgment, when he experiences the undisguised scorn of the Jesus he has been preaching all his life, that he will learn what Jesus truly meant when he stated --

"The flesh profiteth nothing." *John 6:63*

**I**ndeed, such a man is doomed, and he has no clue that Jesus is talking about **HIM** when Jesus declares that **MANY** will stand before him, testifying just as this man does, testifying that he has served in the name of Jesus all his life, and yet he has no clue that it is precisely **HIM** that Jesus is talking about when he declares, *I NEVER KNEW YOU. DEPART FROM ME!*

**O**h, the avalanche of delusions that will come cascading down in that day! All of these **ASSUMED** that they were indwelt by the Holy Spirit because they not only made a mental commitment to Jesus Christ, but they likewise did many wonderful things in Jesus' name. They preached in the name of Jesus, they held firmly to orthodox doctrine in the name of Jesus, they decried evil in the name of Jesus, they gave their money and their time in the name of Jesus, they fed the poor in the name of Jesus, they clothed the naked in the name of Jesus, they prayed in the name of Jesus, and anything else that could be considered noble and noteworthy did they in the name of Jesus, and yet, they will spend eternity in everlasting damnation because they were **NEVER BORN AGAIN** in an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of the Holy Spirit, and they have no clue that Jesus really meant it when he said --

"Ye **MUST** be born again." *John 3:7*

**J**ust as they have no clue that Jesus also really meant it when he said --

"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **FEW** there be that find it." *Matthew 7:14*

**A**h, the multitudes cannot be counted which will discover in that day that Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory, said **EXACTLY** what he meant to say, and that he meant **EXACTLY** what he actually did say.

**T**hose who **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, even though they cannot honestly and legitimately testify of that **MOMENT**, that **MOMENT** when the Holy Spirit came upon them in an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION** of **POWER**, aye, those who **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit have never really hunkered down in genuine humility before the Lord Jesus Christ and thought deeply about, and deeply considered, just **WHO** the **MANY** truly are, just **WHO** the **MANY** truly represent, even that **MANY** that Jesus spoke of when he stated --

"**MANY** will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." *Matthew 7:22-23*

**A**ll those who **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit -- every one of them -- will be among that **MANY** that the Lord Jesus has spoken of. Not one will be absent from this **MANY**, **NOT ONE SINGLE SOUL** who **ASSUMES** that he is indwelt by the Holy Spirit will be absent from this **MANY**. Not **ONE!**

**T**he Word of God could not possibly be clearer -- being born again means you can honestly and legitimately testify that Jesus Christ has **PERSONALLY INTRODUCED HIMSELF** to you. This is not metaphor, or symbolism, or any other type of dodge someone may come up with. If you are born again, you can remember this **EXPERIENCE**, you can remember this **MOMENT** when Jesus Christ **HIMSELF** personally introduced **HIMSELF** to you, and you can remember this **MOMENT** as if it happened only seconds ago, no matter how long ago it may have happened.

**A**nd don't think for one second that what **YOU** did has any relevance whatsoever, because it doesn't. No, I'm not talking about what **YOU** did, such as praying a prayer, or walking down an aisle, or making a decision, or making a profession, or making a confession, or any number of other things. I'm not talking about what **YOU** did at all.

**I**f you claim to be born again, then what did **JESUS HIMSELF** do? And what **EVIDENCE** do you have? What did Jesus Christ **COMMUNICATE** to you? What were the communications **HE HIMSELF** communicated to you? If you are born again, you can give an answer to anyone who asks you to account for the hope that is in you by telling them what Jesus Christ **HIMSELF** did, **NOT** what **YOU** did. What **YOU** did is **UTTERLY** irrelevant. What did Jesus Christ **HIMSELF** do you in your supposed new birth?

**I**ndeed, indeed! The vast majority of those who profess to be Christians just **ASSUME** that the Holy Spirit indwelt them when **THEY** "*made a decision*" or when **THEY** "*accepted Christ as their Saviour*" or when **THEY** prayed a prayer, or what-have-you. The vast majority of those who profess to be Christians **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit because they've made a willful commitment to Jesus Christ, even though they have not one scintilla of **EVIDENCE** that Jesus Christ made a commitment to them. Instead, they **ASSUME** that such an action constitutes the new birth, but they are all -- every one of them -- deluded as deluded can be.

**A**s **ALL** who are truly regenerate **KNOW**, when Jesus Christ **HIMSELF** personally **INTRODUCES HIMSELF** to a man, it is the greatest **EXPERIENCE** one could ever **CONCEIVE** of, let alone go through, and they can remember the **MOMENT** of this **EXPERIENCE**, they can remember the **MANIFEST SUPERNATURAL INDWELLING AND EFFUSION** of the Holy Spirit -- there are no exceptions -- and they can remember this **EXPERIENCE** as if it happened only seconds ago, no matter how long ago it may have actually happened. There are **NO** exceptions. None whatsoever.

"Now if any man have **NOT** the Spirit of Christ, **HE IS NONE OF HIS.**"  
*Romans 8:9*

**Y**ou say you're born again...

**R**eally? What did Jesus Christ **HIMSELF** do in your supposed new birth? What did Jesus Christ **SAY** to you? What did Jesus Christ **COMMUNICATE** to you? Can you remember the **MOMENT** when Jesus Christ first arrived and began to communicate with you? Describe that **MOMENT** in which you claim you were baptized in and indwelt by the Holy Spirit in a **MANIFEST UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION OF POWER**, for the kingdom of God is not in word, but in **POWER**.

**Y**ou are, in fact, the most deluded man on the face of this earth if you think you're born again because you have **ASSUMED** you were indwelt by the Holy Spirit when you made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ. No man in this universe is more deluded than **YOU**. No one. You are more deluded than Judas and Ananias and Sapphira **COMBINED**. None is as deluded as you are. **NONE**.

**W**hat **YOU** did when you supposedly became a Christian is **UTTERLY** irrelevant. Utterly. All those who **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, but who cannot **HONESTLY** and **LEGITIMATELY** testify of the **MOMENT** when the Holy Spirit supposedly arrived in a **MANIFESTLY UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION OF POWER**, when the Holy Spirit supposedly **QUICKENED** them and made them anew, and supposedly indwelt them, I say, **ALL** those who **ASSUME** that they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, but who cannot so testify, are the most deluded people on the face of this earth, **BAR NONE. BAR NONE**.

**I**f you want to go to heaven, and yet you cannot **HONESTLY** and **LEGITIMATELY** testify that Jesus Christ has **HIMSELF** personally introduced **HIMSELF** to you, and yet you cannot **HONESTLY** and **LEGITIMATELY REMEMBER** the **MOMENT** when the Holy Spirit came upon you in an **UNMISTAKABLE SUPERNATURAL EFFUSION OF POWER**, which is the case with **ALL** who are baptized in and filled with the Holy Spirit -- there are **NO** exceptions, for it is the greatest **EXPERIENCE** one can ever know -- if you merely **ASSUME** that you are indwelt by the Holy Spirit without the requisite **EVIDENCE** thereof, and yet if you wish to go to heaven, then cry to Jesus Christ from your heart, if you have the heart to do so -- and **WOE** unto the man who is never given such a heart -- indeed, then **CRY** to Jesus Christ from the heart, and behold what great things Jesus Christ will do for you, for unless you can **HONESTLY** and **LEGITIMATELY** testify of these words, you will surely lose your soul --

"My sheep **HEAR MY VOICE**, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." *John 10:27-30*

**T**he Holy Spirit and your spirit are **DISTINCT**, and if you cannot testify as I have written, and as you have just read, and yet you think you belong to Jesus Christ, you are the most deluded man in the world, **BAR NONE**, and you will **NEVER** set foot in the kingdom of Jesus Christ, not unless you humble yourself and confess that you are not born again. Indeed, confess your unregeneracy now and perhaps live, or wait until the day of judgment when you will be forced to confess it and will thereby be summarily exposed before all creation, where you will be laughed to scorn for your foolish pride by those who had not your opportunity to bow before sovereign grace, and who likewise will accompany you into hell, but with power over you because your sin is greater, where you will be tormented forever and ever for your foolish pride, *"because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it!*

**F**arewell and fair warning.

"In nature excellent things are few. The world hath not many suns or moons; it is but a little of the earth that is gold or silver; princes and nobles are but a small part of the sons of men. And it is no great number that are learned, judicious, or wise, here in this world. **And therefore if the gate being strait, and the way narrow, there be but FEW that find salvation, yet God will have his glory and pleasure in those FEW... IT HATH BEEN THE ASTONISHING WONDER OF MANY A MAN, AS WELL AS ME, TO READ IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURE, HOW FEW WILL BE SAVED, AND THAT THE GREATEST PART OF EVEN OF THOSE THAT ARE CALLED WILL BE EVERLASTINGLY SHUT OUT OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AND TORMENTED WITH THE DEVILS IN ETERNAL FIRE.**" *Richard Baxter, A Call To The Unconverted*

**"WHEN MEN HAVE PUT IN ALL THE CLAIM THEY CAN FOR HEAVEN, BUT FEW WILL HAVE IT FOR THEIR INHERITANCE. FOR MANY, I SAY UNTO YOU, WILL SEEK TO ENTER IN, AND SHALL NOT BE ABLE.** Great, therefore, will be the disappointment that many will meet with at the day of judgment: **FOR MANY WILL SEEK TO ENTER IN, AND SHALL NOT BE ABLE.** Going to heaven, therefore, will be no trivial business; salvation is not got by a dream; they that would then have that kingdom must now strive lawfully to enter: **'FOR MANY, I SAY UNTO YOU, WILL SEEK TO ENTER IN, AND SHALL NOT BE ABLE'**" *John Bunyan, The Strait Gate*

"Christ has told us that strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and **FEW** there be that find it. There have been but **FEW** in all ages of the world. Many seek; and many hope that they shall obtain. There are but **FEW** that intend to be damned; while many hope that they shall some way or other find means to escape eternal misery. **BUT AFTER ALL, THERE ARE BUT FEW SAVED.**" *Jonathan Edwards, The Wisdom Of God*

"Although the greater part of people do foolishly fancy that they have closed with God in Christ Jesus sincerely and heartily; or, at least, they do, without any ground or warrant, promise a new heart to themselves before they depart this life; yet there be but very **FEW** who do really and cordially close with God in Christ Jesus as He is offered in the gospel; **AND SO THERE BE BUT VERY**

**FEW SAVED** -- Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and **FEW** there be who find it -- If people would believe this, it might help to alarm them." *William Guthrie, The Christian's Great Interest - Part II*

"Duty obliges us, and the holy Scriptures warrant us, **TO ASSURE YOU THAT THERE ARE VERY FEW WHO SHALL BE SAVED**; that the whole world lieth in wickedness; and that **IT IS A LITTLE FLOCK TO WHOM THE FATHER WILL GIVE THE KINGDOM.**" *Henry Scougal, There Are But A Small Number Saved*

"There are only a **FEW** privileged who are translated into the kingdom of God's dear son." *William Gurnall, The Christian In Complete Armour, Vol I, Part Second, Direction II - Second General Part*

"Those who pretend a great difficulty at present, in reconciling the **ETERNAL PERISHING OF THE GREATEST PART OF MANKIND** with those notions we have of the divine goodness, seem not to have sufficiently considered what was contained in our original apostasy from God, nor the righteousness of God in dealing with the angels that sinned... Wherefore, as we ought always to admire sovereign grace in the **FEW** that shall be saved, so we have no ground to reflect on divine goodness **IN THE MULTITUDE THAT PERISH**, especially considering that they all voluntarily continue in their sin and apostasy." *John Owen, Christologia*