

**** (Note: All Bible Quotes Are Taken From The Original King James Version)**

Subject: A Spiritual Awakening:

To be born again is to experience a spiritual awakening. When you are not saved, you have the spirit of slumber. You have to be awakened unto righteousness to live free from sin. Listen to I Corinthians 15:34:

Verse 34 - Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

When you are living in sin, you are like a spiritual sleepwalker. This means you are not alert to, nor aware of the righteousness of God. Such a person will have no spiritual vigilance concerning the knowledge of God.

Have you ever heard someone tell a joke and you didn't catch on to it right away? Later it came back to your mind, and you laughed, but when you first heard it, you were not aware of the humor in the joke. When you were not aware of the humor in the joke, you were not awakened to the message in the joke; this means you heard the words of the joke, but you were asleep to the message. You were not given the light of the joke until the message was comprehended by your mind.

You have to be awakened unto the knowledge of God the same way to receive the message of God's word. Only by being filled with the Holy Spirit can you be awakened unto righteousness. Listen to Ephesians 5:14-18:

Verse 14 - Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

When you are not saved, you are spiritually dead to the understanding of what is required to be saved.

Verse 15 - See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.

Verse 16 - Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Verse 17 - Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Verse 18 - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

Subject: To Be Saved Is To Be Born Again As A Child Of The Free Woman:

You have to be careful when you say that Christ has saved you, and you are still committing sin. You would then be accusing Christ of being a minister of sin. When you make false accusations about Christ, you become an enemy of the cross of Christ. Listen to Galatians 2:17:

Verse 17 - But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

Many today claim to be saved and they are sinners. If you are a sinner and saved, what are you saved from? Christ was sent to save us from our sins and not just to forgive us for our sins (St. Matthew 1:21). You can't be forgiven for an offense if you keep committing the offense. You are not forgiven of your sins until you no longer commit sin.

You cannot be saved from sin and still be in bondage of sin at the same time. A prisoner cannot be free from prison and still locked behind bars in prison. To be a prisoner of something means that you are not free from the control of it. You cannot be free from adultery when you are still controlled by a desire to commit adultery. The desire to commit adultery will eventually make you continue to commit adultery.

To be in bondage of sin controls your desires to commit sin. When Christ comes into your life, He sets you free from sin by removing your desires to commit sin. God gives us an example of how we are saved after the two sons that Abraham had. Listen to Galatians 4:22:

Verse 22 - For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a free woman.

The son that was born after the bondmaid was after the flesh. To be born after the flesh means to be born not saved, or as a sinner. All of us were born after the flesh, or as sinners. However, the other son was born of a free woman, and this was symbolic of those who would be born again after the Spirit of God. This

example of Abraham's two sons being born was an allegory or an example of how God would save us later. Listen to Galatians 4:24:

Verse 24 - Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

The son that was born of the bondmaid, Hagar, was born in bondage. But, Sarai had a son that was born of a free woman because she was a free woman. God commanded Abraham to cast out the bondwoman and her son, because the son of a bondwoman could not be heirs of Abraham with the son of a free woman.

When we are saved, we are saved from the bondage of sin, which is after the example of the son who was born of a free woman. To be born again means you are free from sin to be an heir of God. If you are still a sinner and think that you are saved, you have not experienced the birth of the free woman, or you have not been born again. This means you are like the son that was born of the bondmaid and was cast out and rejected from being an heir with the son of the free woman. Listen to Galatians 4: 30-31:

Verse 30 - Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free-woman.

Verse 31 - So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

When you are a child of the free woman, you have been born again. To be born of the free woman means that you have received a birth that has made you free from sin.

Subject: The Born Again Believer:

Many people today are inclined to go wrong in life because they were born wrong. It is necessary to be born again to find the right direction in life. Most of the people in the world have not been born again. If ninety-nine percent of the people in the world were born again, there would be very little trouble in the world.

Born again believers will love everybody. Such people would not take on any purpose in life that would cause them to do wrong to put it over. For born again believers, going to church is more than singing and shouting. Such people are the salt of the earth; they represent Christ to the world. It is through born again believers that the world will learn what love is. They are people who would rather suffer than to do wrong.