

A
journey
OF SANCTIFICATION

- *helplessly dependent* -

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Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by **grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift of God**, ⁹ **not** a result of **works**, so that no one may boast.**

- **By our faith in God we are given grace – unmerited favor. No works!**
- **There will be a natural outflow of works in our walk and following of Christ.**

John 3:1-6

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

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⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Ezekiel 36

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Born again

- The kingdom of God is a present reality.
- Born again – Birth from above is essential to enter the kingdom of heaven (*anōthen*).
- There is a cleansing, (removing of past sin) and a filling (with the Holy Spirit)
- We are helplessly dependent in this process, it is all reliant on Gods grace.
- Jesus is the only way.

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- How then do we obtain **faith**?

Romans 10:17

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.