

## **IS CHRIST FORMED IN YOU?**

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**Gal.4-19. My little children of whom I travail in Birth again until Christ be formed in you.**

**Rom.6-6-8. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.**

So then they that in the flesh cannot please God. We learn by these verses that as long as we are in the flesh we cannot please God, what does it mean to have Christ formed in us?

When we were born into this world we were all born in sin, because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, sin entered into the world, separating us from God, thus we were all born in sin, or with a carnal mind, which is enmity with God, and such a mind can in no way please God, but his great love came when he sent his Son Jesus into the World.

**John 3-16. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

Understand when we were born into this world, we were born in sin, or with the spirit of a carnal mind or with a spirit that is contrary unto the ways of God, this spirit being in us leads us in a way that is contrary to the ways of God, but is the ways of death.

**Eph.6-12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

Now since we were born carnally minded which is death, but to be spiritually minded which is life and peace, we must 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.**

Now to be born again means the spirit of Satan is driven out of the heart, when the spirit of Christ enters in, giving us a new creature, with a mind to believe, and to obey God's word.

To believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and to shake hands with the preacher, and have us voted into his church does not move the spirit of Satan out of the heart, to baptized in the water, and join a church does not bring about the new birth to sit in the church building and listen to the preacher does not move the evil spirits out of the heart—some say it is all faith, But **James 2-26. Says-so faith without works is dead also.**

The Holy Ghost through Paul in **2<sup>nd</sup>.COR.8-11. So there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.**

And Jesus said unto Nicodemus that good church member, John 3-5. Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Now we see there is something more than just believing to become a new creature in Christ Jesus.

We find recorded in **1 John 1-9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Praying until we have the witness in our soul as in Romans 8-16. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

Thus we obtain the new birth, when we have the witness in our heart, then Jesus says again in **Luke 13-3. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. Cor.5-17. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things become new.**

We must quit all our old habits, and all things we did which were wrong, because we are a new creature, since Spirit of Christ has come into our hearts, moving the

evil spirits out, which before had formed themselves in us, making us serve them, so we could not please God, we see now how impossible it was for us to serve God with the old heart and mind which are carnal, made under sin, but with the new birth comes a new heart and new mind made after Christ. This is our first step in the Lord, and just as the old man had formed in us, so we must allow Christ the hope of glory, the Word of God to be formed in us that we be perfect, pleasing God which is life everlasting, this displeases Satan very much that he has lost a servant, and so he puts up a hard fight, trying to pull us back into his clutches again before Christ the Word of God is formed in us, the Word of God in us gives us power over the enemy of our souls, thus does the preacher cry to God to keep them from the enemy until the Word of God is formed in them and this is not done over night, it takes time, we must hear the Word of God and become a doer of it, by so doing Christ has his way, and Satan is forced to flee from us, we must be taught the ways of God before we can receive them, and we must be a teachable people before we can receive them, to reject the Word of God means we want to keep the ways of Satan, but to receive the Word of God and do it gives life and peace, and Christ is formed in us, which is done by hearing and keeping the Word of Truth.