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“Except a Man . . .”

By Rev. Julia Schwert

*“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 3:3 KJV*

“Jesus answered him, ‘I assure you and most solemnly say to you, unless a person is born again [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified], he cannot [ever] see and experience the kingdom of God.’” – John 3:3 Amplified

Jesus clearly tells us that we must be born again. We cannot do it ourselves. This birth only comes from God—from above. God, along with the Son and the Holy Ghost, spiritually transform, renew, and sanctify us. Yes, it is a process. Before that process can begin in us, we must come before God, acknowledge His deity in our lives, and seek His forgiveness.

Jesus also clearly tells us that **only after** we are born again will we be able to see and experience the kingdom of God. **Salvation** is the door to the kingdom of God, but, **where** is this kingdom of God?

*“²⁰And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, **the kingdom of God cometh not with observation: ²¹Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**” – Luke 17:20-21 KJV*

“²⁰Now having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He replied, ‘The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed or with a visible display; ²¹nor will people say, ‘Look! Here it is!’ or, ‘There it is!’ For the kingdom of God is among you [because of My presence].’” – Luke 17:20-21 Amplified

Okay, I’m beginning to understand. When we receive salvation [forgiveness of our sins], we begin our newly created life with God as our guide. We are now conscious of God’s spirit within and around us. Salvation is the door – just the **very beginning** of a new and different life. A life that is different from what we have been experiencing by following the world.

When I go through the door of Salvation, what will I find? There are so many things which are now available to you as a child of God. I am only going to list a few but pray that you get more curious and search the scriptures to find more things God has given to you, His child. Yes, all of these are available to you, if you are a child of God.

- 1) **Peace** – *“**Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**” – John 14:27 KJV* Jesus clearly said this was **his** peace, the peace He walked in, lived in, and now He was giving it to us – His disciples, His followers! The world is full of chaos, but God’s kingdom is full of peace that no amount of wealth can purchase!
- 2) **Power** – *“**Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**” – Luke 10:19 KJV* This was Jesus talking and He gave **power** to His followers. In verse 20 we find that this power makes the spirits subject unto us. We can move mountains, change situations, turn lives around with the power that comes from God which He entrusts with us to manifest His Glory in our lives and in the lives of those around us.
- 3) **Healing** – *“**Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**” – 1 Peter 2:24 KJV* Yes, the door of salvation which Jesus opened for us also gives us healing for our body, our minds, our

spirits, along with the ability to give healing to others. How great is that healing!

- 4) **Love and a Sound Mind** – *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” – II Timothy 1:7 KJV*
Paul was writing this letter to Timothy, but we know that his writing also applies to those who are followers of Jesus. That means those gifts of power, love, and a sound mind also apply to you and me!

This door of salvation that Jesus opened to us opened **abundant life** to those who walk through the door. Don't take it for granted! Don't get lazy! Keep working to expand God's kingdom to others! Only then will you hear at the end of the race, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.” **Ohhh, what a prize at the end of the race!**

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Beginning at 9:30 – Intercessory Prayer
10 a.m. – Morning Worship



Wednesday

11 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer
6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation

Feed **your** Soul
every week.



Post Your Prayer Request on the Cross

“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers.” I Peter 3:12

Those gathering for prayer each Wednesday at 11 a.m. will be praying for your concerns. Make sure you add your concerns to the cross, so we know who needs extra prayer.



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City-Wide Prayer Rally

Wed., Aug. 5

at NOON

Birchard Park



Saturday Outing

August 15

Kelly's Island

All ladies of the church, their lady friends, daughters, and nieces are invited to join us on this adventure. We will be taking Miller Ferry to the island in the morning, renting a golf cart (or two), and either buying lunch or you may bring a sack lunch with you.

The cost for each lady is expected to be around \$35 – this is based on 6 ladies riding on the ferry and renting a golf cart. This would not include your meal. The price would depend upon how many are actually going. So, we can get an accurate number, please either respond to the Sisters in Christ “GroupMe” Chat or contact Star by texting 547-201-8400, **Lock in your reservation NOW.**

Ministerial Sunday

August 23

Opening

Rev. Angela Allicock

Minister

Rev. Theresa Eishen

Closing

Rev. Domingo Hernandez

3 – Alexis Tonkin; Rita Foster
 5 – Rev. Domingo Hernandez
 6 – Rev. Angela Allicock
 13 – Summer Jones
 14 – Charmaine Smith
 16 – Auston Sewell
 20 – Cathy Herrera
 21 – Rev. Dell Kinsey
 29 – Deacon Charles Foster
 30 – Doris Chapman
 31 – Rev. Juanita Llewellyn



August 21
Our Pastors
Stephen & Natalie Dagg



around. Do you see a need in our church you would like to help fill?

- Help is needed in the Sound Department. If you are interested, please contact Sister Emili.
- Help is needed in organizing the Community picnic. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Stephen Dagg.
- If there is something else you would like to be involved in, please contact Pastor Stephen Dagg.

From the desk of . . .

Apostle Dr. Robert L. Jones

Our **Annual Ministerial Summit for 2026** will be **October 23, 24, and 25**.

- Please mark your calendar now for this weekend.
- Plans are being made for a great time of fellowship and renewal.
- We will keep you updated on our agenda for this annual event.
- You may want to begin setting aside some finances so you can attend without breaking your October budget.

Only 3 months away!

Sometimes. . .

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Sometimes God will allow you to walk through seasons you don't understand.

- Not because He has abandoned you.
- Not because He has forgotten His promises.

But because there are lessons that can only be learned in the valley.

- The valley teaches dependence.
- The waiting teaches patience.
- The storm teaches trust.

We often pray for strength, but God develops strength through challenges. We pray for faith, but faith grows when it is tested. We pray for purpose, but purpose is often revealed through process.

If you are in a difficult season right now, don't lose heart. The same God who is with you on the mountain is with you in the valley.

Your current struggle is not the end of your story. God is still writing, still working, and still faithful.

Trust Him even when you cannot trace Him.

This is the **KIND OF PRAYER that **CHANGES YOUR WALK WITH GOD FOREVER**.**



Dear God,

I don't just want Your blessings—I want You. Teach me to know Your voice, trust Your timing, and follow Your ways even I don't understand.

Remove anything in my heart that keeps me far from You. Fill me with a deeper hunger for Your presence and a stronger desire to please You. Let my relationship with You grow stronger every day, and may my life reflect Your love, grace, and purpose.

In Jesus Name, Amen.