

A close-up, profile view of a woman with long, wavy brown hair. She is wearing a mustard-colored knit beanie and a blue scarf. Her eyes are closed, and she has a serene expression. She is wearing a thick, cream-colored, textured wool coat. A large, red, hand-drawn heart outline is positioned over the lower part of her face and the upper part of her coat. The background is a soft, out-of-focus winter scene with snow and trees.

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KINGDOM WITHIN

THE PROOF THAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS IN YOU IS THAT you no longer distrust God. Jesus Christ, as creator God, has captured your humanity so that He can play that role in you for which you were created. You can, right now, in every circumstance, trust God to be God in you without limits.

That is what it means to become a Christian.

Jesus Christ has the unchallenged authority to be the author of your life and living. All too often we reduce trusting God to some new behavior such as saying some special words or attending certain meetings. *Nothing could be further from the truth.* Knowing God as King is experiencing God reoccupying

your humanity, running the show, and calling the shots.

RECONCILIATION

Your reconciliation can be defined as Jesus Christ invading your life in such a way so that your soul has transitioned from death to life (from your mind being set on the flesh to being set on the Spirit). The ministry of reconciliation is that same Spirit of Christ invading every other person you meet. You carry Christ face-to-face with each person you encounter. You declare, by your life, that you have been reconciled to God through love.

WHAT THEN IS THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?

To live a Christ-like life takes Christ. Only one person is capable of living the Christian life since Adam distrusted God—Jesus Christ. He, now risen from the dead, stands ready to reproduce His life and live through you. It is the life that Jesus Christ lived then, lived now, by Him, in you to reconcile the world to Himself. The way for Christ's life to be lived now is through you.

ESSENTIALS

God's life is to you as essential as a battery is for a flashlight. A flashlight detached from a charged battery may look like a flashlight but it cannot function as one. Equally, if you detach man from God, which is exactly what Adam and Eve did, you still have humans but they cannot function like the humans they were created to be.

The only way for the flashlight to be able to function like a flashlight is a charged battery. A car is able to behave like a car when it has gas in it. But a flashlight without a charged battery is as good as dead. A car without gas just takes up space. The only way to make them functional is to have the energy within them by which they were created to operate.

Likewise, the only thing you can do for a human who doesn't have God in them is to put God in them. That is exactly what God did through Christ, He rejoined humanity at its core to His Father God.

What if there is a flashlight with a fully charged battery but it is not giving off the light? Throw the switch! What can you do for a car that has gas in it but not functioning? Start it!

What can a human do who has God in them?

Trust Him!

NOTE:

The goal of a flashlight is not to try harder to be a flashlight. Nor is gas in the car meant for the car to try harder. So it is with you. Knowing The Spirit of God is united to you does not mean you are to try harder. You are, in Christ, to enter His rest and cease from your own efforts. This is the function for which you were created, letting God be God through trust in His love for you shared with those you encounter.

SPIRITUAL NEW BIRTH

What then is this thing called spiritual new birth? It is God being God in your human experience in such a way that others recognize that God is resident and back in business! It takes God, God Himself in you to make you, you. You are meant to be, in each moment, as if God were facing that moment and reconciling it to Himself. It takes God to be human. It takes Jesus Christ's very Spirit in you to make you function as you were created to function. Teachings, preachings, examples, sacraments, or any such effort cannot reproduce the beautiful life He lived then and is ready to continue to live in you.

It takes Jesus Christ's Person to be a person.

CONCLUSION:

The Spiritual new birth is God in you for a reason but not for you to try harder. God has put Christ in you so God can be God, functionally through you trusting He can. You can trust God and get down to living.

DESTINY

Jesus died on that cross to get God out of heaven and into you. Now resident within you, He is calling the shots, controlling where you go and what you do. He, through love, is controlling what you think, say, and any decision you make. Your future is His design, at any cost, to set others free from their guilt, fear, and shame.

He designs every encounter and challenge. He shares His victory without you trying to be the reason for the victory. You have been made new. The old way of functioning has been crucified. The effort to be like God is replaced with God being so human you can forget who is running the show. All those old ways of behaving have passed away, all living has become new. You are new.

You trust God!