

#207 "Seven Benefits of the New birth"

**1** This morning we will again take our reading from paragraphs 88 and 89 of The Spoken Word is the Original Seed where brother spoke to us concerning the new birth. He told us the Word must first come into our mind, then God quickens it by His Spirit and then it becomes a dynamic revelation bringing new birth.

**2** The Spoken Word is the Original Seed 88 And the only way that we can ever be born again is first in the womb of the mind receive the Word, and then the Spirit comes on top of that and brings it. There you are. That's what does it. That's the real Gospel teaching, brother. I believe if Saint Paul was standing today he'd teach the same thing (Amen.) in this hour. All right. What was the results with her? Physical and spiritual death. What is the results of those who accept the other word, it goes into this frolic today that they got? Both physical and spiritual death. Both body and spirit shall be annihilated, be no more. That's exactly right.

**3** Paragraph 89 "Note, Mary's womb, Mary's womb, the physical mind (See?), was virgin womb. Why? She believed God's Word. No matter how much anybody criticized, how many things somebody else said, that didn't have one thing to do with it; she believed God's Word regardless. Oh, I wished I could just get that over. Are you getting it? See, first, was her mind. Before the act ever taken place in her literal womb, the act had to take place in here first to let the Spirit come in, to do the rest of the work. Oh, before the actual spiritual birth can take place, the Word has to find Itself through your mind; believe It. 'He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Eternal Life, and shall never come to the judgment, but (or through the tribulation period), but has passed from death unto Life.' That's it."

**4** Now in 1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, we read, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

**5** Now to examine this being born again, turn in your Bibles to John 3: 1There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

**6** Now, this guy Nicodemus comes to Jesus by night because I am sure that he was afraid of the peer pressure that would hit him if he was seen openly talking to Jesus. So we see Nicodemus by his own words he acknowledges the vindication of God's presence in the ministry of Jesus, yet because he was not himself born again, he did not understand what Jesus was teaching. Yet on the other hand, he knew this man had to be from God but his teaching was so un-orthodox that they could not understand what he was saying. He said, "we know that no man can do what you are doing unless God is doing it and standing behind your words, but what in the world are you talking about?."

**7** In verse 3 we hear Jesus reply to this man who understands vindication, but does not understand the Doctrine of Christ. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee", (now this word verily that Jesus uses twice to bring home his point means "of a truth" or with full assurance and full certainty I am saying this to you,) "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God".

**8** Now, what does that mean? "Except a man be born again, he cannot see... see what? See the kingdom of God"... Now, Jesus tells us plainly that only those who are born of God can see or know, or understand the kingdom of God. And the word see was translated from the Greek word "eido" which by implication means: to

know: be aware, able to consider, to have knowledge of, able to perceive, able to understand.

**9** Therefore, Jesus according to the Greek definition of the word "see", is telling Nicodemus that unless a man is born again he can not "know" nor can he "perceive" nor can he "understand" what the kingdom of God is all about.

**10** Now, let's continue on...<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.,

**11** The word "enter" means to come into and become a participant of. In other words, if you can not even enter, then there is no way you can be a part of the kingdom of God and all the glory that comes with it. You are left out in the cold, and clueless, like the foolish virgins trying to put the pieces together without coming to a complete and definitive understanding. The foolish virgins heard the same midnight cry that the wise virgins heard, which we know by a vindicated prophet that the midnight cry is the message for the hour, The Shout of 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18. They had lamps (Bibles) with them, and they had no light upon the Word of God.

**12** Matthew 25:1Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

**13** Notice that there were ten of them, and if you recall when we took the series on the Parables of the Lord, we found that the number ten always represents that the whole cycle is now complete.

**14** <sup>2</sup>And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup>They that were foolish took their lamps, They had their Bibles but they took no oil with them: And we know that "oil represents the Holy Spirit, always". Seven church ages 54-0512 P:68

**15** <sup>4</sup>But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. Now, notice this speaks of two things here. It says the Wise took oil in Their vessels WITH their lamps. Now, we know the lamp represent sht e Word of God as we see in Psalms 119: 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

**16** But here we are told that the oil was not in the lamps but in their vessels...and the Apostle Paul said that our being is referred to as our vessel in 1 Thessalonians 4: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor;

**17** Now, back to the parable in verse 5. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup>And at midnight (that's at the very end of the day which represents time for the day has run out.) "there was a cry made", and what was that Shout? "Behold", "Look", "see", "perceive and understand". So we are told that this shout was to get the attention of the Wise virgins who had the Holy Spirit while the foolish virgins who did not have the Holy Spirit just could not understand what was happening. They heard the Shout but because of no anointing oil in their vessels, they had no way of understanding the Message given to them.) "Behold, the bridegroom is here, come out to meet him."

**18** Now, I know the King James Bibles says go our to meet him, but then the cry would have to have been from the inside not outside, and we know according to the parable and according to Revelations 3 that he is outside the door knocking.

**19** In the NIV version it reads, At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

**20** And in the Message version it reads, 6 "In the middle of the night someone yelled out, 'He's here! The bridegroom's here!'"

**21** Therefore the message is not "go out to meet him", but come out to meet him because the voice came from outside the church.

**22** "7Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps". Now, what do you do when you trim a lamp? You must look it over completely to see where it is not allowing light to show through and then you clean it to do that completely you must cut off the smoke stained wick, so it will burn brighter, and then you clean the glass so it will shine more brightly. And we are talking about the Word of God. The soot is your own thoughts that smudge up the meaning of Scripture.

**23** "8And the foolish said unto the wise", Notice they are called foolish because they think like fools. They had been too busy with all their programs that they failed to keep their lamps trimmed and lit. So she said to the Wise Virgin, "Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out." We had the Word at one time, and we had some understanding back then, but something's we let it go out and we're empty, we're not filled with His Spirit, we've let it go out.

**24** 9But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door (the Word, Christ the word is the Door, he said so, He said I am the door to the sheepfold). And the door was shut. (they became closed off to the Word which the Wise Virgin willfully accepted. The presence of the Groom.

**25** And the Bible predicted it would be that way, way back in the book of Isaiah, some 700 years before the coming of Christ. And the Alpha has become Omega, as they were blind then when the bridegroom was on the scene present, and they are blind today as well to His presence.

**26** Isaiah 29:10For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. 11And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed: (you see there are still so called learned ministers right in this message who believe the seals are still closed) 12And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.(at least this person is more honest than the so called learned ones.) 13Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: And so they use fear to control the people.

**27** Matthew 25:11After ward came also the other virgins, (the foolish virgins) saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

**28** Notice, then that when they heard the Midnight cry.... "He is here, come out to meet Him", they began to trim their lamps but they could not find any light coming from the lamp or the Word that they did have, because there was no oil in their vessel.

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**30** Now, in getting back to what Jesus was telling Nicodemus, in John 3:6That which is born of the flesh is

flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind blows where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

**31** Therefore, the benefits of being born again and filled with his Spirit are as follows:

**32** #1) Unless you are born again you can not understand the things of God.

**33** 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. John 3: 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**34** I CORINTHIANS 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit (therefore if you do not have His Spirit in you how are you going to have those things revealed to you) for The Spirit (not a spirit, but THE Spirit, God's Spirit) searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God knoweth. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. So the very purpose of our receiving God's Spirit is so we can receive His Mind so we can understand His very thoughts, thus His Word.

**35** "13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (In other words it takes the Spirit of God in you to discern what is going on, and discern means to recognize and comprehend. And to be spiritually discerned means it takes the Spirit to discern them.) Notice verse "15 He that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

**36** Church Age Book (C.A.B.): 141-1 And to every age we hear the same truth. "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." But only a Spirit-filled man can "hear" the revelation for that age. None other can. No sir. They cannot because that is exactly what Paul said in I Corinthians 2:6-16.

**37** Church Age Book: 143-1 If the Spirit wasn't inside, you wouldn't "hear" the truth and receive it by revelation if you heard it every moment of the day. That was the sign of the indwelling Spirit in the days of Paul. Those who were filled with the Holy Ghost "heard" the Word, received it and lived by it. Those who did not have the Spirit heard it only as carnal men, put a wrong interpretation on it and went into sin.

**38** Church Age Book: 144-1... then we know that the Spirit has to be abiding in the person or he cannot receive the truth for that time. Amen. That is exactly correct.

**39** Church Age Book: 164-3 ...The Word always comes to the truly Spirit-filled. That is the evidence of being filled with the Holy Ghost.

**40** Church Age Book: 165-2 In every church age we hear these words, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." The Spirit gives the Word. If you have the Spirit you will "hear" the Word for your age, as those true Christians took the Word for their age.

**41** Key to the door 62-1007 P: 68 No man can understand the Word outside the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And

when a man says he's got the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and disputes the Word being right, there's something wrong.

**42** Identified masterpiece of God 64-1205 P:67 How can a man have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit wrote the Word, and a man have the baptism of the Holy Spirit and deny the Word? How can the Holy Spirit in you deny Its own Word that was set forth for you? I can't understand it. It's got to agree with the Word, and if your spirit in you won't punctuate every one of God's promises with "Amen." there's something wrong.

**43** Discerning body of Lord 59-0812 P:16 he said, "Jesus said once, "That except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God," or understand. And in other words, you can't discern the Kingdom of God until you are born again.

**44** Calling of Abraham 55-1116 P:29 Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except the man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." See what the right translation that is, "cannot understand the Kingdom of God." Somebody be doing something, showing you. "I just can't see it." You're looking at it, but you don't understand it. And you'll never know what the Kingdom of God is until you're born again, then you'll understand what It is.

**45** Mary's belief 61-0121 P:30 "Except a man be born again he cannot even see the kingdom of God." Now, "see" means "to understand." There's a lot of people that say they're born again and can't understand the message of God, can't see the Angel of the Lord. Their eyes are blinded, brother. Except a man be born of the Holy Ghost, the same Holy Ghost that wrote the Word will confirm the Word, and the same confirmation of the Holy Ghost in you... You see what I mean? It will bear record of Itself. Then our spirit bears record with His Spirit, because His Spirit bears recorded of His Word. "The Word of God is sharper, more powerful (Hebrews 4) than any two-edged sword, even piercing to the... asunder... and the marrow of the bone, and a discerner of the thought and the intents of the heart." That's "Thus saith the Lord," the Lord's Word, just exactly, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever, appearing in His elected church.

**46** It Shall Be Even As It Was Told Me 50-0818 23 Anyhow, "to see" doesn't mean "to look at." The word "see" means "to understand." Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water and Spirit, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." In other words, he can't understand the Kingdom of God until he's born again. See?

**47** Questions And Answers COD 59-1223 60 Now, Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."... So "see" means "to understand." Have you ever looked at anything, looking right at it, say, "Well, I just don't see it." See? "I just don't see it." You mean you don't understand it. See, see? You don't understand it. To see is "to understand." But with your eyes you look at anything. But with what's inside of you, you understand with, you see with that. See? With the eyes of God you look...

**48** Questions and answers COD 64-0823E P:106 317. 1040-Q-318 318. What is the evidence that a person is really filled with the Holy Ghost? John 14:26: He will... "When the Holy Ghost is come (See?), He will show you things to come." See? He'll be a... He'll perfect it; man made won't do it; and He is the Word. When He the Holy Ghost is come, He will identify Himself in you with the Scripture. And that is the true sign that the Holy Spirit is in you, because It is the Word.

**49** Hear Recognize Act On Word 60-0221 30 First, faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word of God. Then the believer hears It, recognizes It, and acts on It. The carnal man will hear It, the sound of It, but never... "Hear" means to "understand It". Look at, is looking at something; but to see it, is to "understand it". "Except a man be born again, he cannot see or understand the Kingdom of God."

**50** Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:120 Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing. See, what God's trying to do? What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen. See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible... He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ. Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... It's Christ in you. That is the revelation that the Church was built upon.

**51** Blasphemous names 62-1104M P:53 And the biggest part of our faith is mental faith. By hearing the Word it brings us to a mental recognition of God. But if this coming from above, oh, brother, if it ever strikes this, there is a Godly, spiritual faith. Then what does that faith do? That faith recognizes only the Word. No matter what anything else says, it only recognizes the Word, because "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (And the Word's still God.) And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us." And when the word Itself is pouring into our faith, our mental faith becomes a spiritual revelation. "And upon this foundation I'll build My Church," (See?), not upon a mental conception of church joining, a mental conception of that, but upon the revelation. When them streams of grace has poured into that mental faith that you've got, then upon this, a spiritual revelation, "I'll build My Church and the gates of hell can't prevail against it." See? That shows they would be against it, but it'll never prevail. Oh, what a glorious thing.

**52** Blasphemous names 62-1104M P:56 ... Number one, coming to you, your mental faith, right here, comes the Holy Spirit, coming down into your mental faith making it a spiritual faith. Then the spiritual faith only recognizes the Word. Now, and number two: Then you'll have the Holy Spirit, and will seal all these things into you, as that Holy Spirit covers this. From your faith up to the Holy Spirit seals you in with Christ; then you become one. Amen. (Get this thing out of my way. It's hard on your arms.) You become one. See, you and Christ live together. "At that day you'll know that I'm in the Father, the Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me." See? Then that's a sealed unit of the Lord God. Now, and then they are vindicated and placed. When that time takes place, they become vindicated sons and daughters of God.

**53** Hear recognize act on word 60-0221 P:6 When they were born again, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the new birth, we know that. You're begotten of the Spirit; I'll admit that. But until you're born...

**54** Token the 63-1128E P:74 ...When God has give you the true baptism of the Holy Spirit, then the Life of Jesus Christ is within you. Now, that's true; every theologian will have to admit that to be the truth; it's the new birth. You're born anew, of the Holy Ghost...

**55** Earnestly contending for the faith 53-0614A P:82 Why brother, it's by faith you're saved. Is that right? But listen. In accepting of your faith, God confirms your faith by the baptism of the Holy Ghost. If you say you believe, and you don't get the baptism of the Holy Ghost, then you do not, it, your faith isn't accepted in the sight of God. You've got a mental faith and in the stead of a heart faith. That's right. When you truly believe God, God's under obligation to pour the Holy Ghost on you. And then if He does pour the Holy Ghost on you... You say, "Well, I've got the Holy Ghost too." Well, if you do, you're bound to believe in the supernatural signs and wonders, because you're added to it. That's the faith.

**56** Witnesses 54-0303 P:21 You believe God and say you believe God, and haven't received the Holy Spirit, there's something wrong with your faith. 'Cause God's under obligation to give every believer that repents and is baptized, is under obligation to give you the baptism of the Holy Spirit. And He's more willing to give it to you, than you are to receive it. That's right. So there's something wrong somewhere. You just got a mental faith and

instead of a heart faith. For God's under obligation to keep His Word. He said, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and your children, to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." That's true. And God's got to keep that promise. Yes, sir.

**57** Spiritual inspiration 56-0128 P:75 If you don't understand what I mean by being born again, I mean someone without the baptism of the Holy Ghost. That's the new birth. Would you raise your hand and say, "I now believe; I want to receive the Holy Ghost..."

**58** #2) You will do what is right, and that is what righteousness is. 1 John 2: 29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. Every one who does what is right is born of Him. So are you doing what is right?

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**60** And if you do what is right you will receive the son of God and receive him in the same way you would receive the one who sent Him. John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**61** #3) You will no longer initiate sin. 1 John 3: 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; (does not initiate sin) for His (God's) seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. O, we might all backslide daily, but we do not plot and plan to do it.

**62** But like David, who looked down on Bathsheba taking her bath, what he saw with his eyes, turned to lust and then when sin conceives it brings forth death.

**63** 1 John 5: 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one touches him not.

**64** In the Book of James we read, James 1: 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

**65** #4) It gives you power to overcome the world. 1 John 5: 1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 5: 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5: 18 We know that whosoever is born of God disbelieves not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, Or more accurately, watches guard over himself, he makes a constant inventory of his unbelief so he can deal with it... and that wicked one toucheth him not.

**66** The NIV says, 18 We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

**67** Amplified translation 18 We know [absolutely] that anyone born of God does not [deliberately and knowingly] practice committing sin, but the One Who was begotten of God carefully watches over and protects him [Christ's divine presence within him preserves him against the evil], and the wicked one does not lay hold (get a grip) on him or touch [him].

**68** Message 18-21 We know that none of the God-begotten makes a practice of sin-fatal sin. The God-begotten

are also the God-protected. The Evil One can't lay a hand on them. We know that we are held firm by God; it's only the people of the world who continue in the grip of the Evil One.

**69** In the Book of Peter we also see him use this term born again as coming from the Word of God. 1 Peter 1: 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

**70** And so we see that there are those who are born after the flesh and those who are born of the Spirit. And we know that those born after the flesh always must persecute those born after the Spirit, That is the law of life, for every seed must come forth after its nature.

**71** #5) You will control how you act towards other and you will never persecute those who are born again.

**72** Galatians 4: 29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

**73** #6) And if the New birth gives you power to control your own actions, It will also allow you to love in the same way God loves. In 1 John 4: 7 we read, Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. So if you can not love one another, then either you are not born of God or you do not know God.

**74** #7) The New birth gets you ready to become Christ-like, to be conformed to the very image of the first born son.

**75** Galatians 4: 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

**76** 1 John 3: 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

**77** Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**78** Let us pray...