

II. HERE'S THE WAY IT TAKES PLACE

1. FROM ABOVE

V. 6

From a higher place

Birth is from above.. not from man but GOD.
Divine.... God gives the power. John 1:12

No man, or group or organization can accomplish this--- Tragic to know that men in other lands torture themselves in hope of Sal.-- people here in America depend upon their works or intelligence

Jer. 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin-

How can these things be???? Mysterious change
Electricity---can not explain--rainbow--etc..

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2. FOR ONE GROUP ONLY

God promises to work Sal. for one group only..
Those who have realized and recognized that they are sinners...

A sinner is a man who knows that he has done wrong, knows that he has disobeyed God.. conscious of his iniquity... only kind of man God can save.

Jesus said I am come to save that which was lost...

Without this New birth we are eternally lost

How Does God Save Men? John 3 -

Intro: A Member said to a Pastor I want you to go visit a lady I know. she is unhappy - upset - almost in despair - she has worried herself sick - she needs the Lord Jesus. - He went - She began attending church - accepted the invitation one Sun - turned her life over to X for Sal. & the miracle happened - she is happy today growing in grace. Her friends say "to be with her now is a continuous blessing."

To see The Power of The Living God work in the heart & life of an individual a sight that never grows old.

How Does it happen - What is the process?
How does God save men -

Trip to Jerusalem - Prominent man - Nicodemus - good moral man - not crooked like teachers - not an open sinner like they - He was cultured, dignified with wealth and position....

He came to Jesus a hungry souled man Today many others are like that--- came with a compliment ---

Nicodemus wanted to know - How does God save Men?...

Listen to the answer--except a man be born from above-spiritual birth...

What applied to N applies to every man today.

Jesus made this absolutely clear--v6

Paul writes-flesh and blood can not inherit the Kingdom-- 1 Cor.. 15:50

Can be born into the best family--still need this new birth.

Jesus Did Not Say

I. HOW GOD DOES NOT SAVE MEN

This is one of the best ways of dealing with this question---

①. Not Reformation

Turn over a new leaf some would say--any a man reforms, turns over a new leaf, leaves the old life-----Suppose I owed a store 100 \$ and said I will turn over a new leaf, pay cash from now on... that would not settle the old debt.--old account still there....

②. Not Loud Profession

Judas- never possessed X.

③. Not Joining a Church

Every saved man ought to belong to the church. The church is not your saviour---He should experience the new birth first----

Some find it easy to join the church, some even enroll them in their place of business & they do not have to walk the asile or make a profession

before men. Matt.10:32--- they do not have to take a courageous stand for christ.

④. Not Ceremonies

In spite of the Bible placing emphasis on the new birth some have worked out rituals, & ceremonies to save men.

Hitler and mussolini had been christened before they were 12 months of age...Stalin immersed 3 times before 24 months old....

Men have robbed sal...Christen-- of course this is not found in the Bible..Yet many teach that it produces the new Birth.--Dictionary- the old superstition was first associated with Baptism, in the 3rd century; to Christen meant originally to make a Christian, as well as to baptize, to name at baptism.... To make a Christian was its original etimological meaning...

Think of a presidents wife hitting a huge ship breaking a bottle of champagne saying I Christen thee--I make thee a christian... Or hit an air plane I make thee a Xtian.... Now wonder the young man approached by his father in law about making an appointmen with the minister for having his baby of a few weeks old christened exclaimed- You don'T think I'd let them hit that little thing on the head with a bottle do you.....

A few drops or a few gallbongs willll make you a christian...

A baby bor to a moslem family is automatically a Mohammedan by faith ---a jew- a member of jewish faith....Spain-- a member of the state church.

Simple Ill. of the pig--proxe pig at the fair put in house- bath--scrub soap that gives school girl complexion, fingernail polish, ribbon, best bed room-something will change, and it will not bw the pig

It is not optional--Human nature is diseased by sin.... Sin is universal... it is no accident---

We could never urge men enough to be born again--

Jes us said (Marvel not) that I say unto you----

John Wesley preached several times on this text some of the brethern ask him why-etc---Because you must be born again----

It is unthinkable that a church would ever adopt any plan other than the new Birth... Many of our churches have neglected to preach this message.

Indifference towards the new Birth... church members are (shocked) when they are told that they must be bor again.--- some think it is awful they have gone to S.S. all their lives, s rely they do not have to be boorn again....

③. ONE Way to Experience

God--- Calls us--The spirit says come..
He convinces and convicts us of sin..

MAN--- The road of Faith - by faith our sins are forgiven.. To as many as received him gave he power to become the children of God, even them which believed on his name.

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God....Word of God is powerful to save

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Faith in a perfect God Saves--- Jesus went on to Ill. with the (serpent in the wilderness) that Moses lifted up--- One man who has been healed goes to a tent of a sick friend, his friend cries out it is no use my body is burning from fever-pain is awful, I have not strength to look...cant you see that I am dying?///But I know this look will help you and heal you, I was gone just as far as you--- puts his arm under him takes to tent door, and says let me help you--now look before it is to late---- the man looks a new light comes into his eyes, He feels better, new life, Why I'm better, look I am whole-Glory to God I have been saved from death!

Yonder is Jesus hanging on a cross--I can hear him say-look unto me all ye ends of the earth and be saved..... But a poor sinner says that is not for me, I am too far in sin,, Jesus comes and says though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as whit as snow..... The poor sinner looks and he is saved.....

It has happened millions of times in men and women just like you here tonight.... That familiar story of D. L. Moody--when 18 a shoe salesman in his Uncles store, Mr. Kimball his SS. teacher, set his heart on winning him to christ .To use his own words "I was to speak to him about Christ and about his soul. I started down to Holton's shoe store. when I was nearly there i began to wonder whether I ought to go in just then during business hours. I thought a call might embarrass the boy and that when I went away the clerks would ask who I was and taunt him with my efforts in trying to make him a good boy.

In the meantime I had passed the store, and discovered this I determined to make a dash for it. and have it over at once. I found him in the back part of the store wrapping shoes. I went up to him at once, and putting my hand on his shoulder I mad what I felt afterwards a very weak plea for Christ. I dont just the words I used, nor could My Mood tell, I simply told him of Christ love for him and the love christ wanted in return. That was all there was. It seem that the young man was just ready for the light broke upon him an there in the back of that Boston shoe store Moody gave his life to the Lord.

Forty years later, when preaching in Boston

Moody himself described his conversion-I can almost throw a stone to the spot where I found God 40 yrs ago. I wish I could do that which would lead all of you to the same God. He has been a million times better to me then I have been to him. I remember the morning when I came out of my room after I had trusted Christ-I thought the sun shone a good deal brighter, as I walked upon Boston common I heard the Birds singing in the trees, I thought they were singing for me... It seem to me that I was in love with all of creation. I had not a bitter feeling against any man. and I was ready to take all men to my heart.

That's how God saves a man---born again--born from above..

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