

Refresh Week 1 - with Chris Staten

What is eternal life? What does it mean to be born again?

Understanding what it means to be a New Creation

- What are the 3 most important things every believer should know? Why are they important?

1. Who God is?

Knowing his CHARACTERISTICS and NATURE. Know Him through the word and experiencing Him.

Know his Love, His judgements, His integrity.

2. Who we are in relationship to the Father?

A. Know that you are loved. **Ephesians 1:4,5; 1 John 3:**

B. Know that you died with Christ, buried and was raised with Christ. **Romans 6:2-7; Ephesians 1:19-22**

C. Know that you're righteous or perfect in his sight.
2 Corinthians 5:19-21

D. Know that you are protected.

2 Thessalonians 3:3; Psalms 91

E. Know he will provide for you and take care of you. **Matthew 6:25-34; Hebrews 13:5,6**

F. Know that you have a covenant with the Father and Jesus that was established by his blood. **Hebrews 10:4-18**

G. Know that you are new creations in Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:1-18**

H. Know that you are healed and whole. **Isaiah 53:3-5 AMP 1 Peter 2:24**

3. **Who your enemy is? He lies to you about the first two most important things, Who God is and who we are in relationship to Him. John 10:10, Revelation 12:9; 20:3,8**

- **What does it mean to be Born of God? What is Eternal Life?**

Jesus explains what the new birth is in John 3:1-18

“But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name-[Isa. 56:5.] Who owe their birth neither to bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]”

John 1:12-13 AMPC

<https://www.bible.com/8/jhn.1.12-13.ampc>

““Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

John 5:24 NASB

<https://www.bible.com/100/jhn.5.24.nasb>

- **The New Birth is the first supernatural thing that happens in the life of a believer.**

This amazing occurrence is one of the most overlooked and misunderstood realities in the life of a believer. We have minimized the new birth to someone simply coming to the altar and reciting a simple prayer and all of sudden they become a better person. We become more than just a better person.

The truth is that God the Father by our belief in Jesus supernaturally, by the power of the Holy Spirit recreates our human spirit and gives us the same life He has. He gets rid of our old nature and gives us his nature. His spiritual DNA.

- **New Creation Vs. World Religion & Church Religion.**

All the religions of the world are an attempt to make a person become better through physical rituals and practices. Most of our modern day messages in christianity have been reduced to the same, they have only become about morality or just being a better person.

What we have not understood as believers is that the Father through Christ was not just interested in making us better people, his intention was to make us entirely new through the process of the new birth.

He took away our old nature and made us new beings. He gave us his DNA. He gave us his life. He gave us a new spirit. He took away our sin nature and gave us his nature. NO religion can supernaturally give a person a new spirit or make them a new being. Eternal life (being born of Gods Spirit) comes only through Christ.

John G. Lake said.. “there are many philosophies or religion that bring enlightenment, but none of them give you eternal life”.

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their minds, even upon their innermost thoughts and understanding, and engrave them upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And it will nevermore be necessary for each one to teach his neighbor and his fellow citizen or each one his brother, saying, Know (perceive, have knowledge of, and get acquainted by experience with) the Lord, for all will know Me, from the smallest to the greatest of them.”

Hebrews 8:10-11 AMPC

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