

THE INCORRUPTIBLE SEED

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“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” (1 Peter 2:23). I like the rendition of this scripture in the Amplified Bible. It says, “You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God.”

Elevated to the God-class

We are not born again through man’s making or device but by the action of the Holy Spirit. The term, born again, was first introduced by Jesus Christ as He ministered to a Jewish Rabbi named Nicodemus. *There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The 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. 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 3:1-3). The human condition after the fall is so depraved, unmanageable and beyond repair that God decided to recreate it. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, the Bible says, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” At rebirth, God gives us an entirely new life – the very life of God. “Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; **He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him....**” (Ephesians 2:5 Amplified Bible). God’s intention for the creation of man was for fellowship. So we see God coming to Adam in the Garden of Eden in the cool of the day. But when this fellowship was broken as a result of sin, God had to provide a way for the fellowship to be restored by sending His Son to die for our sins on a cruel cross. God had to put us in His class for us to be able to fellowship with Him. So every born again believer is in the God-class. Friends, that is a privilege. No wonder He says we are royalty: we are kings and priests unto our God. As kings we rule and reign and as priests, we minister to God in our praise and worship and minister to the people. “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light” (1Peter 2:9). “.... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (Revelation 1:5-6).

A Virgin was the channel

After the fall, God made very profound declarations. One that is very profound is found in Genesis 3:15, “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her Seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” Basic human anatomy as it concerns reproduction clearly shows that women don’t have seed. That, I believe, was the first prophecy about the coming of the Mighty Deliverer, the Holy Son of God sent to deliver human kind from our sins and satan’s punishment. “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this

purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8). Eventually, God chose a virgin for Himself in the land of Israel to use as a channel to bring forth His only begotten Son, the promised Messiah, into the world. When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and made his strange announcement to her, she was astonished beyond measure. He told her she would conceive and bear a son and call His name, “Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.” I could imagine the shock on her face being a virgin. Also troubling was the fact that she was engaged to a man and this could ruin not only her marriage but she could lose her life, having a baby without marriage.

*And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. **Then said Mary unto the angel, how shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God (Luke 1:26-35).***

God had to do Quality Control. He did not want this special Seed to be contaminated by anything man could offer. Take note of verses 34 and 35. Mary asked the angel the possibility of a virgin bearing a child. By a miraculous intervention of the Holy Spirit, the Son of God was safely deposited in the womb of Mary. This is the Seed God spoke about in Genesis Chapter 3. In Mark 4:14, the Bible says the seed is the Word. Let's look at John's Gospel Chapter One and reading verses 1, 2, 3 and 14. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**” Jesus is the Word of God (Revelation 19:13). The Word is the Seed – the Incorruptible Seed! It is because this Word is incorruptible, it cannot return to God void – it will accomplish what it was sent to do. At creation, we see how potent the Word was. God simply ordered, ‘let there be’, and there was. During the earthly ministry of Jesus, we observed with delight how the Word healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead, calmed the storm-tossed sea, fed the hungry, etc.

No Corruption

On the day of Pentecost, Peter quoted from Psalm 16:10, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Peter was actually talking about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is the Incorruptible Seed! It is common knowledge that Jesus suffered and died for our sins but He rose again the third day. No Corruption! It stands to reason that since Jesus was made alive by the same new life that is in us, it will not allow us to see corruption **if we would yield to it**. Let us get God's Word in our system. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16). When we eat natural food, our system digests it and the end products – amino acids, glucose, fatty acids, minerals and vitamins are absorbed into the body for the healthy well-being and proper functioning of the body. In like manner, when we consume the Word of God, the Holy Spirit will work on it and produce proper nourishment for our spirit man, protect and deliver us from whatever satan would bring our way. Proverbs 4:20-23 says, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

He gave us His Seed

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. We do not have a sin problem because it was dealt with conclusively by our Savior. He declared, "IT IS FINISHED"! This is the Seed we received when we made Jesus the Lord of our life. By the Law of Reproduction as set forth in Genesis, everything must produce after its kind. The Incorruptible Seed will produce incorruption in us. It will produce victory, healing, success and prosperity in us. Let me explain what I mean: This seed in us will give us victory on every aspect of life. It will deal with sickness, bad habits and all forms of corruption in our life. This is the Seed that tells you, you can make it when you feel discouraged, beaten down and defeated. **YOU ARE NOT A FAILURE UNTIL YOU GIVE UP!** Let us look at Brother Jonah in the fish's belly. "Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly. And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land" (Jonah 2:1, 10). Jonah had that Seed in him – the Word of God which is Truth. Whatever has swallowed you will vomit you. Even if your circumstance has buried you, this incorruptible Seed in you will bring you out of obscurity and put you in the limelight. It does not matter the depth to which you have sunk, this incorruptible Seed will bring you out. We are intricately connected to Him. Jesus is the true Vine and we are the branches. The same sap that nourishes the vine also nourishes the branches. He is our source. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead quickens our mortal body. We do not have Holy Ghost "A" and Holy Ghost "B" neither do we have Holy Ghost "Superior" and Holy Ghost "Inferior" It is the same Holy Ghost. This is what makes us **'MORE THAN CONQUERORS!'**

Conclusion: The Incorruptible Seed is the Word of God. Jesus made it plain as He spoke to Nicodemus that one must be born of the water and Spirit. Although water baptism is important and should accompany salvation, it cannot produce a new creation. When Jesus talked of water in John chapter 3, I believe He is talking about the Word. In Ephesians 5:26, the Bible says, **“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.”** Even as the man and woman come together in the natural to produce children, so also in the spirit realm. The Holy Spirit and the Word of God must come together in us to produce this new man. That is the reason the Gospel must be proclaimed to every creature. As we hear the Word, the Holy Spirit brings conviction to our hearts which causes us to repent and make Jesus Christ the Lord of our life. In John 15:3, it says, **“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”** The Word also cleanses. This Word, the Incorruptible Seed will keep us pure in our walk with God. Psalm 119:9, the Bible says, “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word,” and in verse 11 it says, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Furthermore, Jesus said, the Word is Spirit and life. “It is the Spirit Who gives life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit whatever [there is no profit in it]. The words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life” (John 6:63 Amplified Bible).