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You're Now Born Again!

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD

Today you have made the wisest and best decision of your life. You have decided to accept Jesus as your Savior and He has given you a place in God's family, a place you did not have before because you were required to believe (or receive this gift). You are now a child of God. John wrote **1 John 3:1a** *[1] Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God; and so we are.*

Romans 8:15 *[15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, Abba, Father.*

The word **adoption** means *to be seen or set apart as sons* . So, we have received the spirit of adoption, this Spirit testifies

that you are a child of God, born of incorruptible seed.

Romans 8:16-17 [16] *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God; [17] and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if indeed we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified together.*

Galatians 4:6-7 [6] *And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, that is, Father. [7] If so, you are no longer a slave but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.*

The Spirit of Christ is in you and in us. You have a spiritual lineage which is the Spirit of God or the Spirit of Christ (the Son). It is in becoming a child of God that you have inherited every good thing that is in Christ.

2 Corinthians 6:18 *[18] I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters,*

You are proud to have God as your Father.

Galatians 3:26 *[26] For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*

When you believed in Jesus Christ you immediately became a child of God. You are His offspring. So Jesus died for your sins . He rose to proclaim to you the victory that you are free from all guilt. And this is the great love that you are now brought closer to God, being adopted into his family.

YOUR JOB IS JUST TO BELIEVE

The Bible makes it clear that you become a child of God by believing in Jesus, see **John 1:12** *But to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

Acts 10:43 [43] *To him all the prophets testify, that through his name everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins.*

Whoever believes in Him. You have received forgiveness of sins because you have believed in Jesus. Believing simply means that **you do not put your hope in your own strength or efforts but in the work of Jesus Christ.** You have believed that He died for your sins and rose again on the third day to proclaim victory to you that you are now free. All this is for you. **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** *For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; 4 and that he was buried; and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.*

He died for your sins and rose again to assure you that He has conquered sin for

you. See **1 Corinthians 15:17** *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.*

Our/your courage is in his resurrection.

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

The Bible makes it clear that no human being can save himself from sin. And that is why Jesus came to take my punishment and yours. Look at **Matthew 1:21** *[21] And she will give birth to a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*

He will save His people from their sins, including you today.

No matter how hard you tried, you couldn't, look at **Ephesians 2:8-9** *[8] For by grace you have been saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

He says not by works. He adds here **Galatians 2:16** [16] *knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ: even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

There is no flesh like you and me who will be righteous before God by striving to follow the law. That is why Jesus came, suffered and died in my place and yours. Remember He did nothing wrong but took our sins upon Himself. See **2 Corinthians 5:21** [21] *He made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

This is the same as saying He took your **PUNISHMENT** so that you might receive His **RIGHTEOUSNESS** . He

accepted your **WAGES** of **DEATH** so that He could give you **HIS FREE LIFE** as a **gift**. Look, **Romans 6:23** [23] *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

So He died so that you could have eternal life. Look here **John 3:16** [16] *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Therefore, you will never be lost or perish again. Jesus has already paid the debt for your sins, the ransom has been paid. Therefore, God does not remember or count your sins. Look at **Hebrews 8:12** [12] *For I will forgive their unrighteousness, and their sins I will remember no more.* And again here **Hebrews 10:17** [17] *Their sins and lawlessness I will remember no more.*

Because God doesn't have a problem with forgetting, what does this mean? He doesn't remember your sins?

Look.. **Romans 4:7-8** [7] *Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. [8] Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

He said He does not count them, meaning He will not bring them to the table, He has covered them up. It is not one sin, Jesus has forgiven you all your sins and mistakes. **Colossians 2:13** *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made alive together with him, having forgiven us **all trespasses.***

This means that God will not hold us accountable, He has covered our sins. He will never judge us, because Jesus has already taken my judgment and yours.

That is why in another place it says you are

free from the condemnation or punishment. **Romans 8:1** [1] *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.* That is why Paul wrote in **Ephesians 1:4** *Just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him in love.*

Today you are welcomed into the family of blameless people before God.

FROM THE FORCES OF DARKNESS

Jesus died to save you and you have been saved from the powers of darkness.

Colossians 1:13 [13] *And he delivered us from the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love.*

You are in the kingdom of God. You have been called out of darkness into the light.

1 Peter 2:9 [9] *But you are a chosen*

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generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;

See Colossians 1:13. *[13] And he hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love;*

John 3:5-8 *[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. [6] That 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 bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

No one can enter or see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. You are born again.

So, God has rescued you from the power of darkness and brought you into the kingdom of the Son of his love. So, you have been bought from the influence of the power of darkness. You are the one who is able to train yourself to use his authority against the powers of darkness because you are above them.

Ephesians 1:21-23 [21] *Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: [22] And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church: which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.*

You have been called out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9 [9] *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

You are in God – the Light. You are free from the dominion of the powers of darkness. You are seated very high. Satan has no power over you anymore because you are placed much higher than he is.

YOU ARE A NEW CREATURE

A man in Christ is a new creation. Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:17.

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old*

things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

The phrase ‘new creation’ is **kainos ktisis** in Greek which implies a *new specie, a new person*. This newness is because he is in Christ. You are now, by IDENTIFICATION buried with Christ, raised with him and has a new life (after resurrection).

Romans 6:4-8 *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old*

man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

The life of Christ in you is the base for this newness. You have a divine unending glory –permanently best specie NOW.

Colossians 3:1 *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*

You are seated with Christ. Where Jesus is is where you are. This new creation is not human nature but divine or spiritual.

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Workmanship here implies handiwork or masterpiece. You are a perfect masterpiece because you are created in God. The newness of the new creation is the not about age. It doesn't mean that you will one day become 'the old creation that used to be new'. It is the endless perfection (masterpiece) in Christ. It is a perfection that doesnot dwindles away or lose value. A new creation is the seal of God's best standards. It is eternal value. A new creation is upheld by God's faithfulness. A new creation is the product of both –the love and the demonstration of all God's power in resurrection of Jesus. That's who you are.

YOU CAN BE SURE

Let's start with the words that Jesus spoke to his disciples before he was killed.

Look at this **John 10:28** *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish; neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand .*

No. Again it says **1 Peter 1:23** *For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*

He says the kind of life that lasts forever comes from the kind of seed...incorruptible. Eternal life is incorruptible because the seed or word that produced it is incorruptible.

Isaiah prophesied about God's faithfulness to Zion.

Isaiah 49:14-15 *[14] But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, the Lord hath*

forgotten me. [15] Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? These may forget, but I will not forget thee.

A woman may forget, but God cannot forget you.

Jeremiah in prophesying about God's love says... **Jeremiah 31:3** [3] *The Lord appeared to me long ago, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."*

Behold, it is ETERNAL LOVE. This love knows no decrease, it is eternal. This is why the SALVATION you have received is not temporary. The writer of Hebrews, speaking of what Jesus has done, says... **Hebrews 5:9** [9] *And having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal*

salvation to all who obey him.

It is ETERNAL SALVATION. You have received eternal salvation. Eternal means you cannot filter it. It lasts forever.

See also **Hebrews 10:14** [14] *For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*

In one version – Christ, he has perfected us forever. Jesus does not purify every day, he has done it once. If you believe you receive his cleansing immediately and the result is eternal. In one version here is the death of Jesus Christ. Read **Hebrews 10:1-14**.

See also Jude at **Jude 1:24** [24] *To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with great joy.*

He keeps you from stumbling, that is why you cannot be taken from His hand.

WHAT IF I COMMIT A SIN?

The Bible has already looked at this and set out instructions. See **1 John 2:1-2** [1] *My little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: [2] And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

John writes that we should not sin. God's will is that His children should not sin. But children can sin and here he says we have an advocate with the Father, He is the propitiation for our sins. Jesus has done the work of salvation but even today He stands as an advocate and propitiation for our sins. Satan will bring you a report of accusation so that you will see yourself no longer worthy before God. Do not listen to him, tell him that Jesus has removed my

indictment. Look at **Colossians 2:14**
Having canceled the written code of conduct that was against us, which was against us and was against us, he took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross .

See also here, **Romans 8:31-34** [31] *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? [33] Who will bring any charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies them. [34] Who will condemn them? It is Christ Jesus who died, yes, more than that, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.*

The only one who had the power to judge

you died for you. Instead of judging you, He stands as your advocate. **Advocate** here is a word that means *to stand for another*. As long as Jesus lives forever, you are safe in Him. He is not against you but is always on your side.

The truth is that you may make mistakes, but mistakes do not change the fact that you are a child of God. Mistakes do not make you a child of the devil. You will be a child of God who made mistakes. It is good to sit under a teacher of the Word of God or a pastor to teach you how to continue living a victorious life every day.

FOR YOUR GROWTH

Because you have believed in Jesus Christ and He has become your Savior, you are now a child of God, holy, blameless before Him, you have received eternal redemption, you have the forgiveness of

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all your sins. Now you will commit yourself to continuing to learn so that you can grow. You must have a place where you are fed the word of God and continue to grow so that you can become better.

For continued learning and nurturing so that you can grow in your knowledge of God, use these communications.

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