

Exposing THE Lie. Part 3

Genesis 3:4

⁴ "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman

Our theme verse for this series is from John 3:

John 3:13

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

Recap:

John 11:4

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, **it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.**"

The way that God was glorified was in the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

We saw that:

- Christ was the "firstfruits" who was raised from the dead.
- In I Corinth 15 that the resurrection from the dead comes through a man: Jesus Christ.
- We, who belong to Christ, if we are already dead when he returns, will also be raised from the dead, just as easily as Lazarus was, but we will die no more. This is the confidence that we can have.

Isaiah 25:8; 26:19.

Isaiah 66:8

Part 3

“Life is only in the Resurrection” Iain MacMillan
www.thegrovebiblefellowship.com

“Dying to the Resurrection”. Bill Ramey
www.inthebeginning.org

Ezekiel 36-38 deals with the New Covenant

John 3:1-10

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

This word “again” should be translated as “above” because in the Greek this is an adverb of place (i.e. where) not an adverb of time (i.e. again)

So to be “born from above” is to be born from Zion, which is the heavenly Jerusalem, where Christ will reign from.

Galatians 4:26

²⁶*But the Jerusalem that is above (heavenly) is free, and she is our mother.*

Psalm 2:6

⁶*"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."*

Additional Study Verses: Psalm 87:5-6; Isaiah 2:2

John 3:4-10

⁴*"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"*

⁵*Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, **no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.**"*

There are the two elements of being "born from above": water and spirit (breath of life).

⁶*Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.* ⁷*You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again. (from above)'* ⁸*The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."*

⁹*"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.*

¹⁰*"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"*

Ezekiel 36:22-38

²² "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. ²³ I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I show myself holy through you before their eyes.

²⁴ " 'For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

We have to be cleansed in order to see the kingdom of God.

Psalm 24:1-6

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

² for he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the waters.

³ Who may ascend the hill of the LORD ?
Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to an idol
or swear by what is false.

⁵ *He will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God his Savior.*

⁶ *Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
Selah*

Remember in 1 Corinthians 15 we learned that today we are earthy and natural and that it's only at the time of the resurrection that we are spiritual beings.

1 Corinthians 15:39-50

³⁹*All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. ⁴⁰There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.*

⁴²*So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.*

⁵⁰*I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.*

Ezekiel 36:27-37

²⁷ And I will put my Spirit ("breath of life") in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. ²⁸ You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. ³⁰ I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine. ³¹ Then you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices. ³² I want you to know that I am not doing this for your sake, declares the Sovereign LORD. Be ashamed and disgraced for your conduct, O house of Israel!

³³ " 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt. ³⁴ The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. ³⁵ They will say, "This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited." ³⁶ Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the LORD have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.'

³⁷ "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Once again I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep, ³⁸ as numerous as the flocks for offerings at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts. So will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel 37 is going to show us how this is going to happen:

¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will

make breath enter you, and you will come to life.⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' "⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' "¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.¹⁴ I will put my Spirit ("breath") in you and you will live (lit: "come to life"), and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' "

Two kingdoms brought back together under one king

¹⁵ The word of the LORD came to me:¹⁶ "Son of man, take a stick of wood and write on it, 'Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him.' Then take another stick of wood, and write on it, 'Ephraim's stick, belonging to Joseph and all the house of Israel associated with him.'¹⁷ Join them together into one stick so that they will become one in your hand.

¹⁸ "When your countrymen ask you, 'Won't you tell us what you mean by this?'¹⁹ say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am going to take the stick of Joseph—which is in Ephraim's hand—and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah's stick, making them a single stick of wood, and they will

*become one in my hand.'*²⁰ *Hold before their eyes the sticks you have written on*²¹ *and say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land.'*²² *I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms.'*²³ *They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful backsliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God.*

²⁴ " *'My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees.'*²⁵ *They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever.'*²⁶ *I will make a covenant of peace with them (this is the New Covenant talked about in Jeremiah 31:31); it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever.'*²⁷ *My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.'*²⁸ *Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.'* "

To see the Kingdom of God (which is not here today but is inaugurated at the seventh and final trumpet of Rev 11:15) we have to be cleansed by water and have Christ breathe into us the breath of life.

The water purifies and cleanses us and the breath gives us life.

Our next meeting is on Wed 16th June at 7.30pm