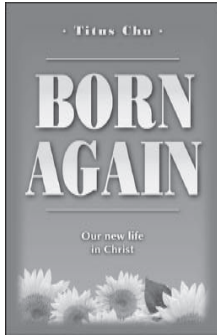


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ANSWER KEY

**For the Review Questions
in the Study Guide**





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What Does It Mean to Be Born Again?

Review Questions & Answers

1. What is the beginning of our Christian life? Jesus makes it clear that when we pass through this experience we gain a specific ability we did not have before. What is that ability?

The beginning of our Christian life is to be born again. Once we are born again we are able to see the kingdom of God, which we could not see before. John 3:3; p. 12.

2. Will the believers spend eternity in heaven or on the earth? What happens at the end of the Bible to show us where we will be for eternity?

We will spend eternity on the earth. We know this because at the end of the Bible, we see the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. Rev. 21:2; pp. 12-13.

3. From God's standpoint, why were we born again? In light of this fact, what is our greatest need as Christians?

From God's standpoint we were born again to experience Christ and gain Him. Thus, our greatest need is for Christ Himself; p 14.

4. Does the Bible tell us that when we were born again it was only the Spirit who entered into us? Or does it also indicate that Christ Himself now lives in us? List some of the verses that make this matter clear.

The Bible makes it very clear that not only the Spirit, but Christ Himself came into us when we were born again. Many New Testament verses show this, including Col. 1:27; 2 Cor. 13:5; Rom. 8:10; and Gal. 2:20; p. 14-16.

5. In terms of our Christian experience, why does it matter whether or not Christ lives in us?

It's important to really see that Christ lives in us because He wants to be so real to us in our experience. He wants us to know Him in an inward, subjective way, not merely in an outward, objective way; p. 16.

6. What are the three main results of the new birth?

The three main blessings we received when we were born again were a change in our life, a change in our status, and the need for a new living; p. 17.

7. What did Jesus say about our position as those who are born again in Christ, and who are thus in the kingdom of heaven, compared to that of the Old Testament saints and to that of John the Baptist?

According to the Lord Jesus, because we are now in the kingdom of heaven, we are greater than John the Baptist, and he in turn was greater than all of the Old Testament saints before Him; Matt. 11:11; p. 17.

2

We Have Received the Divine Life (1)

Review Questions & Answers

1. What was the first thing that happened to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus?

Our sins were forgiven and we were cleansed from all unrighteousness. That is, we were “justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.” Eph 1:7; Rom. 3:24; Titus 2:14; p. 21.

2. Why does the Bible say that before we were saved, we were dead?

Because, in God’s sight, we were dead. That is, even though we had our human life, we were without the divine life that God intended us to have. Eph. 2:1; 1 Tim. 6:19; p. 22.

3. When the Bible says that God gives us life when we believe in Christ, is it telling us that one day, after we die, we will go to heaven? Or is it referring to something we receive today? How does this life relate to Christ Himself?

Receiving eternal life does not refer to going to heaven when we die. To the contrary, when the Bible uses this term, it is referring to the new life we were given the very moment we believed in Christ. Thus, we do not have to wait until the next age to have eternal life. Because we are born again, we have the eternal life of God today. John 3:36, 10:10.

This life relates to Christ in that it actually is Christ Himself. John 14:6; Col. 3:4; pp. 23-24.

4. Is the life of God something that exists apart from God Himself? If not, what does that indicate about the life that came into us when we believed in God?

The life of the triune God is inseparable from God Himself. So, when this life came into us, it was actually God Himself coming into us as the eternal life; Eph. 4:6; John 14:23; 17:26; 1 Cor. 6:19; p. 24.

5. What were our heart and our spirit like towards God before we were saved? What did God do to save us from this kind of condition?

Our heart was like a stone towards God, and our spirit was deadened. However, God gave us a new heart and a new spirit, took away our heart of stone, and gave us a heart of flesh. Eze. 36:26; pp. 24-26.

6. Show how God has saved us in regards to the following matters. Give the verse references:

a. From the hardness of our heart towards Him.

He gave us a new heart. Eze. 36:26; pp. 24-25.

b. From our spirit being dead.

He gave us a new spirit. Eze. 36:26; p. 26.

c. From our being in spiritual darkness.

He gave us the life of God, which is the light of men, and told us that when we follow Him, we will have the Light of life. John 1:4, 8:12; pp. 26-27.

d. From our being under the law of sin.

He imparted the law of life into our being. This new law is within the divine life He gave to us, and it frees us from the law of sin and of death. It regulates our living so that it now conforms to God's divine nature; Rom. 8:2; pp. 27-28.

3

We Have Received the Divine Life (2)

Review Questions & Answers

1. How do we know, and how can others know, that we now belong to God?

*Because we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit.
Eph. 1:13; p. 29.*

2. What is the difference between being sealed with the Holy Spirit and having the Spirit as a pledge within us? How does the Spirit as a pledge relate to our eternal enjoyment of Christ?

The Spirit as a seal means that we belong to God, while the Spirit as a pledge means that God belongs to us. The Spirit as a pledge is also a foretaste we have within us today of the enjoyment of God that we will have in eternity. Eph. 1:13-14; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; pp. 30-31.

3. What is the anointing? What are the functions of the anointing within us?

The anointing is the moving of the divine life within us. It teaches us to abide in Christ, and it also anoints the essence of God into our being. 1 John 2:27; pp. 31-32.

4. In what aspect of His being does God come into us?

God comes into us in Christ as the life-giving Spirit. 1 Cor. 15:45; John 14:16-17; pp. 32-34.

5. Into which part of our being does God impart His divine life?

God imparts His divine life into our human spirit. Rom. 8:16; pp. 34-35.

4

We Have Received
the Divine Life (2)

Review Questions
& Answers

1. What Bible verses show us that before we were saved we were in darkness?

Acts 26:18, 1 Peter 2:9; pp. 37-38.

2. Before we were saved, who ruled over us?

Before we were born again, we were under the authority of Satan. Matt. 12:26; pp. 38-39.

3. What does it mean to say that before we were saved we were in death?

It means that, spiritually speaking, we had no feeling towards God. Rom. 5:12, Eph. 2:1; p. 40.

4. Why did God give mankind the law?

God gave mankind the law to bring the whole world under His judgment. Rom. 3:19; pp. 40-41.

5. What does it mean to say that before we believed we were condemned by God?

It means that we were found guilty and completely disapproved by Him. John 3:18; p. 40.

6. Look up the following verses in your Bible and describe what each of them tells us about our situation before we were born again:

John 3:18: We were condemned by God; p. 41.

Acts 26:18: We were in darkness and under the authority of Satan; pp. 37-38.

Romans 3:23: We sinned and fell short of the glory of God; p. 39.

Romans 5:12: We were under death; p. 40.

Romans 6:19: We were slaves to impurity and lawlessness; p. 42.

Ephesians 2:1-3: We were dead in our offenses and sins, living in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desire of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature, like all fallen men, children of wrath; pp. 42-43.

5

Our Wonderful New Position

Review Questions & Answers

1. What is the definition of justification? On what basis does God justify us?

To be justified means that God approves us according to the standard of His righteousness. We are justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. Rom. 3:24, 5:1, 8:33; pp. 46-47.

2. What does Romans 5:1 show us about our standing before God today?

Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; p. 47.

3. How is it possible for us to be joined to the Lord in our spirit?

This is possible because the Lord, who is the Spirit, can impart Himself into our human spirit. This is what happens when we are born again. 1 Cor. 6:17; John 3:6; 2 Cor. 3:17; Rom. 8:16; pp. 47-48.

4. What does it mean to say that today we are already in resurrection?

When we were born again we became one with the resurrected Christ. Therefore, just as the Lord has passed out of death into life, so we too have entered into resurrection. Eph. 2:4-6; Col. 3:1; p. 52.

5. In what sense are we in the heavenly places today? How did we get there? And what do we receive in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus?

When we say that we are in the heavenlies today we are speaking in terms of spiritual reality. We have such a reality because we are one with Christ not only in His resurrection, but also in His ascension. In this new position we receive every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. Eph. 2:6, 1:3; p. 53.

6. What are the five negative things we have been set free from by the salvation we received in Christ?

We have been set free from sin, Rom. 6:18, 20, 22; death, Rom. 8:2; the world, 1 John 5:19; the flesh, Gal. 5:24; and the authority of Satan, Eph. 2:4-5; pp. 54-56.

7. What are the two positive things we have been enslaved to as Christians?

We have been enslaved to righteousness, Rom. 6:18; and to God, Rom. 6:22; pp. 56-57.

8. According to Romans 5:1, what is the result of justification in terms of our relationship with God?

Because we have been justified, we now have peace with God; p. 57.

6

What We Have Become in Christ

Review Questions & Answers

1. Why does the Bible describe us as “vessels unto honor”?
What is the relationship between the vessel and the treasure?

We are vessels unto honor because, as those who are saved, we contain God’s divine life. We are the earthen vessels, and God’s life is the treasure within this vessel. Rom. 9:21; 2 Cor. 4:7; pp. 59-60.

2. How does God’s temple in the New Testament differ from that in the Old? In the New Testament sense, what is the difference between “a temple of the Holy Spirit” and “the temple of God”?

Before, God’s temple was a physical building, but now God’s people are His temple. Each of our bodies is a temple of the Holy Spirit; together, we are the unique temple of God. 1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Cor. 6:16; p. 60.

3. What does it mean to say that we are “the members of Christ”? When the Bible uses this term, is it speaking of our being members of an organization, or of a life relationship?

To say that we are the members of the body of Christ means that we are members of Christ Himself. This is absolutely a matter of a life relationship, not a matter of organization. Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 6:15, 12:12; Eph 5:29-30; p. 61.

4. As those who are in God’s kingdom, what relationship do we have with our fellow believers in Christ?

Because we are all in the same kingdom, we all share the same citizenship; we are “fellow citizens with the saints.” This shows us that our new position is a corporate one. Eph. 2:19; pp. 62-63.

5. As members of God’s household, what is our relationship with our fellow believers? What impact should this relationship have on our natural desire to live by ourselves?

Because we have been born into God’s household, we have become members of the family of God. This shows us, again, that we can no longer live by ourselves. Eph. 2:19; p. 63.

6. How does God work on us today to make us His “masterpiece”? To make us “letters of Christ”?

To make us His masterpiece, God often comes in to “cut” and “hammer” us. He works on us and adjusts us, according to our measure of growth in the divine life, to transform us into the image of Christ.

To make us letters of Christ means God writes something of Himself as the Spirit into our heart as we contact Him day by day. Every time the Spirit moves within us and we cooperate with Him, the Lord is writing upon us. If we have experienced Him today, something of Christ has been written into our being. Eph. 2:10; 2 Cor. 3:3; pp. 63-65.

7. What benefit does God gain as we enjoy the riches we have received in Christ?

We, the believers, have been designated as God’s inheritance, and we become God’s inheritance as we experience and enjoy all the blessings we have received in our new birth. Thus, we should not think that the blessings we have received in Christ are only for our own enjoyment. To the contrary, the more we enjoy the riches of Christ and gain them in our experience, the more wealth there will be for God to inherit. Our experience of these riches will eventually become “the glory of His inheritance in the saints.” Eph. 1:11; pp. 66-67.

8. How should we respond if someone questions us about our problems or sins? What basis do we have for giving such a response?

The principle is that we should pay far more attention to our new position than we do to our problems. Thus, if someone questions us about our problems or sins, we should simply remind them of our new position and status in Christ, and of all the blessing we have received in Him.

We can take this standing because the Bible says so; p. 68.

Our New Life Demands a New Living (1)

Review Questions & Answers

1. What does it mean to say that, after we are born again, we can lose the practical reality of our new birth? What example can we use to illustrate such a situation?

To lose the practical reality of our new birth means that we are not living according to the new life we received in Christ. This is just like a person lying in a hospital bed in a deep coma. He has a human life, but not a normal human living; p. 69.

2. What is the basic principle of the new living we should have after being born again?

Our living should be a living of enjoyment, that is, a living in which we enjoy Christ day by day; p. 70.

3. What means does God use to bring us into a living of enjoying Christ?

It is by means of the Spirit of truth, that is, the Spirit of reality, that God brings us into such a living. John 16:13; p. 71.

4. What is meant by the word “truth” in John 16:13? Does it refer only to “that which correct,” or to something deeper as well? What does the Spirit of truth unveil to us?

In this verse, and throughout John’s writings, the word “truth” has the meaning of “reality.” The Spirit of truth, or reality, unveils all the riches of Christ to us; pp. 71-72.

5. By what means can we worship God? According to 1 Corinthians 6:17, what is the result of genuine worship?

Because God is Spirit, and in the realm of the Spirit, we can only worship Him by means of our human spirit. John 4:24; p. 72.

According to 1 Corinthians 6:17, when we have the genuine worship of God in our spirit, we become one with God in spirit; p. 72.

6. How do we enjoy Christ as the Lamb of God?

By realizing that He has taken away all our sins through His death on the cross. John 1:29; p. 72.

7. What does it mean to say that Christ is our friend? Practically speaking, how can we experience this?

It means that we can be so open to Him. We can experience this by being so honest and genuine with him about our entire situation. John 15:4; p. 76.

8. How do we follow Christ today as our older Brother, the Firstborn Son of God? What will be the final result for us as we, the many sons of God, follow Him?

Today we follow Christ, and become His many brothers, by going through the same process He did to become the firstborn Son of God. That is, just as He went to the cross and then had His human nature uplifted in resurrection with the divine nature, so we too need to experience the death of the cross and partake of the divine nature in resurrection. John 20:17; Rom. 8:29, 6:4; 2 Pet. 1:4; p. 78.

9. How does the Lord in the heavens shepherd us today? When we enjoy Christ as our Shepherd, what is the result?

Christ shepherds us outwardly by sovereignly arranging our lives, and He shepherds us inwardly by ministering Himself to us in the midst of our situations. This brings us peace, for we don't need to be anxious or worried about our lives anymore; pp. 78-79.

10. How can we be built up with our fellow believers?

Christ is the builder of His body, so the way we can be built up with other believers by enjoying Him as a living person; John 2:19, pp. 79-80.

11. Why did John the Baptist call himself “the friend of the bridegroom”? How can we experience being betrothed to Christ?

John referred to himself as “the friend of the bridegroom” because he knew that Christ was gaining His bride. John 3:29.

We can experience being betrothed to Christ by telling Him how much we love Him and that we want to give ourselves to Him; p. 81.

Our New Life Demands a New Living (2)

Review Questions & Answers

1. What is the first item of Christ we need to enjoy as Christians? If we are short of this enjoyment what happens to our spiritual life? What is the remedy for such a situation?

Our first need as Christians is to enjoy the life of Christ. If we don't enjoy Christ as our life, then we can't have Him as anything else in our experience. Moreover, if we are short of the enjoyment of Christ as our life, in our experience everything will become gloomy and nothing of Christ will be appealing to us.

Fortunately, there is a simple remedy for such a situation: just open to the Lord, call on His name, and pray over His Word. Rom. 10:12–13; p. 86.

2. How does the Lord speak of Himself in the Gospel of John as the One who can meet the need for our spiritual eating, drinking, and seeing? That is, what three specific items does He refer to Himself as?

He speaks of Himself as the bread of life, the water of life, and the light of life. John 6:35,57,7:37-38, 8:12; pp. 88-89.

3. What does it mean to say that the Bible is the word of life to us? What should we receive from the Bible?

When we say the Bible is the word of life we mean that it is very subjective to us. Every word in the Bible is a word of life, because the purpose of the Bible is to give us Christ Himself for us to enjoy as the word of life. So, when we come to the Bible, we should receive something of life. This enjoyment energizes us to follow Him; p. 90.

4. What is the difference between enjoying grace and enjoying the outward blessings Christ gives to us?

Grace is simply the enjoyment of Christ, so to enjoy grace means we enjoy Christ Himself as grace to us. Many Christians develop a taste for outward blessings and never desire the Giver Himself, but if we enjoy Christ as grace our Christian lives will become very prevailing; pp. 91-92.

5. According to the Lord's word in John 8:32, 36, what is it that makes us free?

In these verses the Lord tells us that the truth makes us free, and the Son makes us free indeed; p. 93.

6. What does the figure of the vine show us about our new birth and about the kind of living we should have as Christians?

If we realize we are branches in the vine together with our fellow believers it will help us to see the corporate aspect of our new birth; pp. 93-94.

Our New Life Demands a New Living (3)

Review Questions & Answers

1. What does the relationship between the members of our physical body show us about our relationship with the other members of the body of Christ?

Just as in our physical body, in the body of Christ every member is fully coordinated with every other member. Each has its particular function, yet all the members function together as one body; p. 98.

2. What is the nature of the love we should have towards our fellow believers? What does this love cause us to do for them?

The love that exists among us should be a love that imparts life into one another. This love should cause us to lay down our life so our fellow believers can receive the divine life through us; p. 99.

3. How can we keep the oneness with our fellow believers? Why is it that Christians so often fail to keep the oneness of the body of Christ?

We will be able to keep the oneness only if we love one another as Christ has loved us. Christians often divide from one another because they love their doctrines and practices more than they love their brothers and sisters, but we should not really care about anything except loving one another and keeping the oneness; pp. 100-101.

4. In terms of caring for our fellow believers, what should we learn to do from the moment we are born again?

From the moment we are born again we should learn how to feed and shepherd someone. No one is too young in the Christian life to learn this; p. 101.

5. What are the Lord's three commissions to us who have believed in Him?

The Lord's three commissions to us are: to love one another and give ourselves to one another; to keep the oneness and not care for doctrines and practices; and to feed and shepherd our fellow believers; p. 101.