Bible Study Guide

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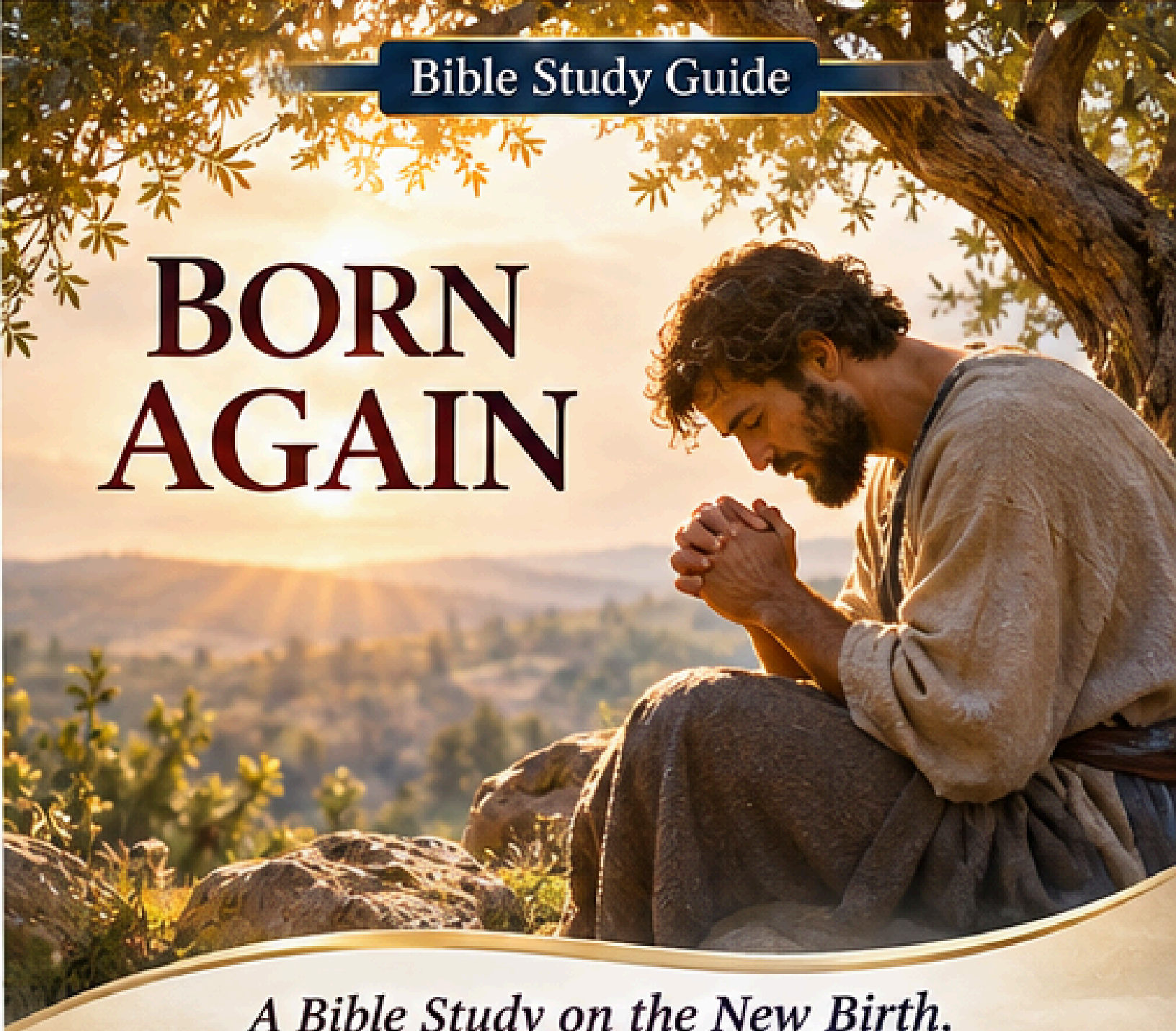

A Bible Study on the New Birth, Its Meaning, and the Transformed Life

Introduction

A seed placed in the earth does not resemble the plant that will eventually grow from it. Yet life unfolds according to the design of its Creator. Jesus used another familiar beginning, birth, to explain to Nicodemus that natural life alone cannot give entrance into God's kingdom. We need a new birth from above, through which God's life and likeness are restored in us.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **In what condition did God say children would be brought forth after the fall?** (Genesis 3:16)

"In _____ thou shalt bring forth children"

The entrance of sin brought sorrow into human life. Scripture also uses the pain of birth to picture joy that follows suffering.

2 **What changes a mother's sorrow after childbirth?** (John 16:21)

"she remembereth no more the anguish, for _____ that a man is born into the world."

Jesus uses childbirth to illustrate how sorrow can give way to joy.

3 **What did God command humanity to do after creating them?** (Genesis 1:28)

"Be fruitful, and _____, and replenish the earth"

God intended humanity to fill the earth and reflect His image. Spiritual fruitfulness likewise reflects the life of the Creator.

4 **In whose image was humanity created?** (Genesis 1:27)

"So God created man in his own _____,"

Human beings were made to reflect their Creator and have dignity in His sight.

5 **What replaces the spirit of bondage?** (Romans 8:15)

“ye have received the Spirit of _____, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”

God receives believers into His family and teaches them to approach Him in trust.

6 **Who is the promised seed of Abraham according to Paul?** (Galatians 3:16)

“And to thy seed, which is _____”

God's promise reaches its fulfillment in Jesus, through whom people of every nation may become heirs.

7 **How do people become God's children?** (Galatians 3:26)

“For ye are all the children of God by _____ in Christ Jesus.”

God's family is entered through faith, not inherited privilege.

8 **Through what did God beget believers according to James?** (James 1:18)

“Of his own will begat he us with the _____”

The new birth is God's work through His truth received by faith. Natural ancestry alone cannot give spiritual life.

9 **Through what enduring seed are believers born again?** (1 Peter 1:23)

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the _____,”

God brings spiritual life through His living and enduring Word.

10 **What must take place before a person can see God's kingdom?** (John 3:3)

“Except a man be born _____, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Natural birth is not enough; spiritual life comes through God's regenerating power.

11 **Through whom has God spoken to us in these last days?** (Hebrews 1:1-2)

"God ... hath in these last days spoken unto us by his _____ ... by whom also he made the worlds"

Jesus, the eternal Son through whom God made the worlds, reveals the Father and the way of life.

12 **Who is the way to the Father?** (John 14:6)

"I am the way, the truth, and the _____: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Christianity is founded upon Christ Himself, not on an independent method of improvement.

13 **What did Isaiah say the suffering Servant would see the result of?** (Isaiah 53:11)

"He shall see of the _____ of his soul, and shall be satisfied"

Christ's sacrifice makes it possible for sinners to become God's children. The fruit of His suffering is a redeemed people.

14 **What reconciles sinners to God?** (Romans 5:10)

"we were reconciled to God by the _____ of his Son,"

Christ's sacrifice restores sinners to fellowship with God.

15 **What can the branches do apart from Christ?** (John 15:5)

"for without me ye can do _____."

The living connection with Christ supplies every spiritual fruit.

16 **What does Jesus say glorifies His Father?** (John 15:8)

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much _____; so shall ye be my disciples"

The life of Christ received in the heart produces fruit that reveals God's character to others.

17 **What is born of the Spirit?** (John 3:6)

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is _____."

The new birth is the work of the Holy Spirit rather than a merely natural change.

18 **What kind of fruit does the Holy Spirit produce?** (Galatians 5:22-23)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, _____:"

The Spirit produces a consistent character rather than a mere outward form of religion.

Appeal

Will you receive the new birth Christ offers through His Word and Spirit, and allow His life to bear fruit in you?

Commitment

I choose to receive new life from God through faith in Jesus, and to bear the fruit of His character through the Holy Spirit.

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