

Letter 242
The Gospel
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Dear Dan,

I very recently had occasion to write a letter to (CB14) in answer to a question I posed to him over the phone a little while ago. I had asked (CB14) with these words;

“ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?”

His response was noncommittal and he said he was not sure what being “born again” meant.

Today, after thinking about that exchange with (CB14), the Lord led me to write down what I know of Scripture and my understanding of the relationship each verse has with one another regarding communicating the Good News (Gospel) to others on how to become born again and receive Salvation from sin. Copied below is what I wrote to him.

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Here are some examples in Scripture of The Gospel (Good News) and becoming Born Again.

JESUS (speaking to His disciples):

“But who do you say that I am?”

Matthew 16:15

PETER (speaking of Jesus):

“YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.”

(This is the GOOD NEWS)

Matthew 16:16

JESUS:

“flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 16:17

JESUS:

And I also say to you that you are Peter (petros=little rock), and on this rock (petra= big rock) I will build My church,

Matthew 16:18

JESUS:

“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:3

PETER:

“... having been **born again**, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever...”

1st Peter 1:23

PAUL:

For they drank of that spiritual **Rock** (petra = big rock) that followed them, and that **Rock was Christ**.

1st Corinthians 10:4

PAUL:

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received:

- 1- that Christ died for our sins **according to the Scriptures**, and
- 2- that He was buried, and
- 3- that He rose again the third day **according to the Scriptures**, and
- 4- that He was seen by Cephas (Peter), then by the twelve.
(eyewitness evidence for fact-certain as to the Resurrection of Jesus)

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you **believed**.

1st Corinthians 15

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NOTE: If God the Father has revealed to you PERSONALLY that Jesus is Who He says He is **according to Scriptures**, then YOU ARE BORN AGAIN.

After that, Jesus makes us His disciples, and then we walk with Him and make Him ABSOLUTE LORD and KING in and of every part of our being and life. We do this by OBEYING the Leading and the Voice of the Holy Spirit.

“Read The Bible.
Study The Scriptures.
Know The Word.

It's that simple."
Angel Gabe

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Blessings...

R. C. Theophilus