Obtaining Eternal Life

A very religious man by the name of Nicodemus who was a ruler of the Jews came to Jesus by night. Jesus said to him: “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”. “4Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?” Jesus said to him: 6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit”. (John 3)

We have been bodily born once and as a result we are bodily children of our earthly father. When we are spiritually born from the Spirit of God we will become spiritual children of our spiritual father who is God. But why is it absolutely necessary to be born of the Spirit of God to obtain eternal life? Why can we not be accepted by God through good works and correcting ourselves and other ways? Because God knows all men to be sinners and in bondage to sin and the Devil. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans3:21).” .. and the whole world lieth in wickedness”. (1 John 5:19). As a result all the works of men are defiled by sin and rejected in the sight of God. For this reason we read in Galatians 2:16 “..for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified”.

Because the kingdom of God in heaven where God resides is free from every sin and is pure and holy neither sin nor sinners can enter into it.

Now that new birth is necessary to obtain eternal life how then can we be born again? “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God”. John 1:12,13

Receiving Christ is not done by a superficial prayer. Without knowing Christ from His word and repentance from our sins we will not receive the true Christ in our heart. Repent ye, and believe the gospel (Mark 1:15). But (God) now commandeth all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30). Christ said: I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish (Luke 13:3).

Someone who is seeking the truth about himself and God will realize his defilement with sin and the holiness of God. The Spirit of God will convict a person of his wretched spiritual state in the sight of God to such an extent that he will deeply change his thoughts about himself and God. The result of this change is that the person will feel sorry and grievous about his past life. Then for salvation from his sins he will believe that Christ paid for his sins by His blood and was raised the third day. “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”. (Rom 10:9, 10)