

Begotten Again

TEXT: 1 Peter 1:3-5

INTRODUCTION:

- A. CHRISTIANS RECEIVING LETTER TO EXPERIENCE HARDSHIP.
 - 1. Persecution.
 - 2. Letter written to give hope.
- B. HOPE LIES IN THE **SECOND BEGETTAL** OF THIS PASSAGE.

I. WE ARE "BEGOTTEN AGAIN" (verse 3).

- A. JESUS SAID WE **MUST** BE BORN AGAIN (**John 3:3-5**).
 - 1. A begettal precedes birth, both in the physical and spiritual.
 - 2. Born again - begotten again.
- B. NICODEMUS DIDN'T UNDERSTAND - JESUS EXPLAINS.
 - 1. Born of **water** ... **baptism**.
 - 2. Born of the **spirit** ... **repentance**. (see chart)
- C. WE MUST BE **BEGOTTEN** AGAIN.

II. WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "BEGOTTEN AGAIN?"

- A. GOD IS THE SOURCE (**verse 3**).
- B. THE WORD IS THE SEED (**1 Peter 1:23**).
- C. BEGOTTEN AGAIN ACCORDING TO HIS GREAT MERCY(**verse 3**).
 - 1. **A&G**. "Compassion, pity, emphasize attitude" (**John 3:16**) **LOVE**.
 - 2. **Young**. "Beneficence, kindness" – action (**Romans 5:8**). **GRACE**.
- D. A CONSISTENT ANALOGY (**John 3:3-5; 1 Peter 1:3, 23; 2:1-2; Romans 6:4**).

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III. WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF THE SECOND BEGETTAL?

- A. A LIVING HOPE. DESIRE + EXPECTATION.
1. By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.
 2. The basis of our hope is the demonstrated ability of God to raise Jesus (**2 Cor. 4:13-14**).
- B. AN INHERITANCE - JOINT HEIRS WITH JESUS (**Romans 8:17**).
1. Incorruptible, imperishable (**1 Corinthians 15:50-54; 1 Peter 1:23**).
 2. undefiled, without flaw or defect, unpolluted.
 3. Fadeth not away. *amaranton*, "withers not." The same word from which is derived "amaranth," a mythical flower that loses none of its original beauty or glory. NO ONE GETS BORED WITH HEAVEN.
 4. Reserved in heaven for you
- Where is our reward? (**Matthew 5:12; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**).
 5. Reserved for whom? Those guarded (military term) (**2 Timothy 1:12**).
 - a. by the power of God (**Romans 8:31; Ephesians 6:10-13**).
 - b. through faith (**Ephesians 6:16; Hebrews 3:12**).
 - c. REMARKS ADDRESSED TO CHRISTIANS.
- C. A SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED - 2 POSSIBILITIES.
1. Not yet revealed.
 - a. Already delivered from sin, awaiting deliverance from sins curse (**1 Corinthians 15:54-57; 2 Corinthians 4:13-14**).
 2. Revealed in the gospel.
 - a. Context (**verses 10-12**).
 - b. "In the last time"
(**Acts 2:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 1 Peter 1:18-20; 1 John 2:18**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. WE MUST BE BEGOTTEN AGAIN TO RECEIVE THESE BLESSINGS.
- B. A SECOND BEGETTAL LEADS TO A NEW BIRTH.