

BORN FROM THE DEAD—

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

“... just as Christ was raised from the dead (not meaning from where He was buried) through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

Death and hell are subjects that have been misunderstood. Death is a state that we were born into this human life as mortals, until we are born again. To me this explains how and why “the last enemy is death.” When we are alive in Christ, death is no longer our enemy. Do you see? Therefore, there is no second death. Do you see? We now have life eternal!

We are transformed to a new creature by a renewing of our mind. How we think, what we believe, and most important, what we know of God and Christ the Son.

New wine is not put into old wine skins. New wine is put into fresh (new) wine skins and both are preserved!

“He is the beginning, the first born from the dead.” This does NOT mean that He was the first RAISED from the dead after being buried. No, this means He was the first BORN from the dead. No longer a mortal (a human being subject to death), He was no longer subject to death. On the cross the Son of Man died, but not the Son of God.

Jesus knew what it meant to be born again, born of the spirit. As He conveyed to Nicodemus, “What is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.” In the “wilderness of testing”, carnal thoughts came to Him, but He overcame each one and spoke the Truth concerning those temptations. He left that classroom (that Holy place) born of the Spirit... fully alive in the Spirit, and was able to enter the Holy of Holies.

All who are merely born of the flesh are subject to death (even are dead), but when born of the spirit (that which is alive), there is no second death. And great is your reward!

“Everyone who lives in Me and believes in Me will never die.

Born and raised by the Spirit of God!

Is there a difference in being raised from the dead and being born from the dead?

There have been a number of those who have been raised from the dead; during Old Testament and New Testament times, even in modern times.

Being born from the dead, though at first glance not appearing to be so phenomenal, is by far the most important and powerful experience. This has been possible only after the cross and Pentecost.

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Jesus Christ experienced both, and because He did, so can we.

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