

## **NEW BIRTH, NEW LIFE**

### **Ephesians 2:11-19**

**Introduction:** There are countless people populating the world today, many colors, many races, many languages, many nationalities, many countries, many sizes, but in the eyes of God, every single person living today is in one of two situations/classes. Every single person is either in Jesus Christ (saved) or in the world (lost). Jesus told Nicodemus one night that he (Nicodemus) must be born again and thus it is the same today. Being "born again" through faith in Jesus Christ brings that person a new life, totally different from the life without Jesus.

### **I. OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST, ONE IS AN ALIEN, A STRANGER (v12)**

1. There is no true worship of God except what God ordains.
  - People since the beginning have always come up with their own ideas as to what pleases God and what doesn't.
2. Our own country, America, has changed far from what it was founded upon and that was "one God."
  - Today there are countless "religions" in America, with the motto: "Try us, you will like us..."
3. If a Church, a worship service is not as God ordained, then there is an emptiness there, no matter what a Church might try to do to bring people in to their "fold."
4. Every Christian, true believer was ONCE outside of God's will, an alien, a stranger.

### **II. THOSE OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST ARE WITHOUT HOPE**

1. The book "Dante's Inferno" describes the doorway to the pit (hell) as having an inscription over the entrance with the words: "Despair of hope all ye who enter here."
  - That is exactly the description of all who are outside Jesus Christ - no hope.
2. Life has been described by someone as a race between one's self and death but death always wins.
  - Through the years people have tried to "pretty-up" death but calling it different names and trying to soften its blow, but no matter what "pretty" given or beautiful picture painted, death is death.
  - Death without Jesus Christ is decay, corruption, separation, damnation.

### **III. CHANGE CAN OCCUR FOR THOSE WITHOUT HOPE (v13)**

1. Those who are without Jesus Christ are far away, separated but that can change.
  - "But now" - belief in Jesus Christ brings one near, the debt paid, he/she has been lifted from the horrible pit of hell and has been set free.
2. Believing in Jesus Christ redeems, saves, raises up into becoming a child of God.
  - Remember the hymn "He lifted Me?"
  - This God did for the believer.
  - What Jesus Christ did, He did for US, for everyone who would believe in Him.

#### **IV. THERE IS NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST**

1. One becomes totally NEW in Jesus Christ - not touched up, not reformed or changed.
2. The "old" person must die. God creates a NEW life.
  - A new heart, a new vision, a new love, a new ambition, a new purpose, a new commitment.

#### **V. A NEW LIFE STYLE IS GIVEN (v15)**

1. There is but ONE kind of person, in Jesus Christ, ONE faith.
  - There are no partitions, no barriers between believers, just ONE KIND OF PEOPLE.
  - Remember the Temple, it had several "courts" with a court for each class of people, one for the Gentiles, one for the women, one for the men, then one for the priests, etc.
  - There is no separation of people in Jesus Christ.
2. There is NO priest to go to in order to get to God.
  - Believers can go directly to God - face to face.
  - Galatians 3:28
  - All in Jesus Christ are the same, no big, no little, no rich, no poor, all are alike.

#### **VI. THE NEW LIFE GIVEN BRINGS ONE INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD (v19)**

1. God is the head of His family that is also called the "body."
  - Every believer is a part of God and God is a part of him/her.
  - There is NO separation from God - EVER - "who can separate us from the love of God?"
2. The believer is never alone, the door to heaven, to God, to the Lord Jesus Christ is never shut.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Every person you see is either an alien, a foreigner, a stranger or a member of God's Family.
  - Every person who has yet to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ is lost, damned and doomed, no hope apart from the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Jesus Christ died so every person you will ever see could have eternal life with Him in heaven, but unless a person believes in Jesus Christ he/she will remain lost.
3. What a wonderful thing it is to belong to God's Family - DO YOU BELONG?
  - Which group are you a part of - the lost or the saved?