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"Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who has it..."

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(Jn. 3:3).

BORN AGAIN

By Pastor Pat Hadley

In a conversation with a Pharisee named Nicodemus, Jesus made this statement, familiar to many Christians: *"Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again" (Jn. 3:3).*

Jesus was using very familiar Jewish language. The Jewish baptism rite from which Christian baptism came was practiced at least from the time of Moses. Baptism, or immersion in water, was required whenever someone became ritually unclean. In fact, all worshipers who went up to the Temple had to immerse themselves first in a ritual bath known as a *mikvah*. There are ancient *mikvahs* you can still see if you visit Israel.

Another use for these baptisms was whenever a Gentile wanted to convert to Judaism. For a Gentile man, the two main entrance requirements for conversion were ritual circumcision and baptism. For a woman, it was only baptism. During the baptism, the Gentile convert was said to die to their old life and rise up out of the water a new-born creature. They were "born again."

When Nicodemus asked, *"How can someone be born when they are old" (Jn. 3:4),* he was really asking how he could become Jewish when he was already a Jew! Jesus' answered: *"...no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit" (Jn. 3:5).*

In other words, Jesus tells Nicodemus that it is not enough to be Jewish. What is needed is a change of heart. If it's not enough to be Jewish, then it's also not enough to be Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, or even Christian for that matter. The heart must be changed and fully connected to God in order to experience the fullness of God's kingdom. This truth is at the "heart" of the renewed covenant announced by the prophets:

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws" (Eze. 36:25-27).

Notice what happens when someone is truly born again: They are given a new heart; God's Spirit is put within them; they are "moved" or "caused" to follow God's decrees and keep his laws! A believer is not only expected to keep God's laws, but he or she is given a supernatural ability within to do it. Praise God, we are not on our own!

May you be blessed with the fruit of being truly born again!
Pastor Pat Hadley



Philippines Rebuild and Restore Update

The following letter to Wellspring was received as a result of the Rebuild and Restore Project in the Philippines:

Good Day !

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am Pastor Natalia, I represent our church, Burning Christian Ministry in Tacloban. I came to know about you when you invited Tacloban Pastors to attend your "I Found Freedom- Biblical Foundations of Freedom" conference in Cebu.

We are so very happy and grateful above all to God, and then to you who were used by the Lord to help us rebuild

our church, destroyed by the super typhoon Yolanda. Thank you for the generosity you have lent us. The amount you had given us were able to help us pay for the two months salary of the construction workers we hired to build our church. Although the church building is not yet 100% completed, we hold on to God for His continuous provision so that our church will be complete. As of now, there are no windows, doors, wall finishing and electrical wiring yet, but we see our hope in Christ the provider of our needs.

Before, our church was just built with non-durable foundations, but now, through God's provision, we were able to build it with strong foundations. We will see to it that whenever typhoons hit our country, our church members and other community members will be able to find refuge in this church we are constructing. Our mission is to bring more souls to Christ and that our new building will be presentable as God's temple. After the devastation, our church members grew in number and we saw how people were realizing that they needed God above all else. With your help, we'll be able to see more souls for Christ in this new temple of God. To God be all the glory.

Thank you so much for your great help, all we could give in return is our sincere and unceasing prayer that that the Lord will bless the works of your hands, good health for you and your loved ones, and that through you more souls will come to our Lord Jesus Christ . Thank you. We will never forget your help to us. God bless!

Sincerely,
Pastor Natalia Nati A. Juntilla



Joe John, Wellspring Ministries of India

Thank you Pastor Joe John for blessing Wellspring Church with an amazing and powerful message from God's Word.

Watch or listen to the sermon at:
http://akwellspring.com/podcasts-sermons/

Wellspring Conference Schedule

One of the many resources Wellspring Ministries offers are conferences we teach in your hometown. Dr. Art Mathias and Wellspring staff teachers travel extensively teaching and sharing

God's message of repentance, forgiveness, deliverance, and healing.

The "I Found Freedom" conference leads the participant through the book, *Biblical Foundations of Freedom*, by Dr. Mathias. Those who attend learn how to have victory over the attacks of the devil, bitterness, self-bitterness, anger, jealousy and envy, fear, unbelief and the occult. Organizations and individuals both experience the love of the Father and healing. This conference is also available on audio CD and on DVD.

The "How To Minister To Others" conference is also taught at most locations Monday through Wednesday mornings for those who desire to help minister to others. It is our premise that all believers are ministers of the Gospel. We do not need to be "professionals" to be ministers, but we do need to be trained and proficient at our work. This nine hour class is a practical hands on approach to helping others.

WASHINGTON: October 19-22, 2014

Cascade Bible Church- Dr. Art Mathias
1119 S. Methow Valley Highway
Twisp, WA 98856
cbctwisp.com
509-997-8312

I Found Freedom Conference
Sunday @ 11 am & 6 pm
Monday – Wednesday @ 7 pm

How To Minister To Others Conference
Monday - Wednesday @ 10am – 1pm

Housing available at: Methow Valley Ranch http://www.mvministries.com

ALASKA: November 2-5, 2014

Wellspring Church - Pastor Pat Hadley
2511 Sentry Drive
Anchorage, AK 99507
akwellspring.com
907-563-9033

I Found Freedom Conference
Sunday @ 6 pm
Monday – Wednesday @ 7 pm

COLORADO: November 2-5, 2014

Colorado Springs, CO - Dr. Art Mathias
Location to Be Announced Soon

GEORGIA: February 1-4, 2015

The Bridge Community Church- Dr. Art Mathias
2026 Braselton Highway
Buford, GA 30519
www.thebridgecog.org/
678-990-9691

I Found Freedom Conference
Sunday @ 10:30 am & 6 pm
Monday - Wednesday @ 7 pm

How To Minister To Others Conference
Monday - Wednesday @ 10am – 1pm

NEW JERSEY: March 22-25, 2015

Kingsgate Church - Dr. Art Mathias
86 Lackawanna Ave.
Woodland Park, NJ 07424
www.kingsgatechurch.org
983-200-0437

I Found Freedom Conference
Sunday @ 10:00 am & 6 pm
Monday - Wednesday @ 7 pm

How To Minister To Others Conference
Monday - Wednesday @ 10am – 1pm

These are free conferences. Wellspring books and materials will be available and free will offerings will be taken in the evenings.

If you need more information on these exciting life changing conferences, please see our website or email any questions to: info@akwellspring.com .