

John 4:22

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

(KJV)

Mankind is created to worship God (Rev 4:11). The problem is that the majority of the world does not realize it.

Jesus was explaining to the woman at the well that she did not understand what she was worshipping.

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers shall** (***must, have to***) worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father ***seeketh*** such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him **must** (***you will***) worship him in spirit and in truth.

(KJV)

Jesus stated a time was coming, and now is that time, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Notice that he used the word true worshippers. There are a lot of people that worship the Lord, but it does not mean that they are true worshippers.

In order to be a true worshipper, we must worship him in spirit and in truth.

In this lesson we will focus on the spirit. The question is how can we worship God in spirit, if we don't have his spirit?

There is a part of man that once knew God but now, don't know him, but at the same time desire to know him. In other words, we are born with a dead or dormant spirit.

It is not something that we have done, but something that Adam and Eve had done to cause us to be born with a dormant spirit.

How did this come about? We will look in the book of Genesis to find out.

Gen 2:15-17

15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

(KJV)

God told Adam that he could eat from every tree in the garden except from the tree in the midst of the garden (Knowledge of good and evil). God said the day you eat there, of it you shall surely die.

We know that God cannot lie, when he said you are going to die, that is exactly what he means.

Here is the question, what happens in the natural when someone dies? Life as we know, comes to an end. Life ceases to exist and life separates from the body.

Adam knew if he ate the fruit, something would cease to exist and there will be a separation from the body and life would come to an end.

Notice here, that God did not give the commandment to Eve, but he gave it to Adam, for Eve was not created at that time. After Eve was created, Adam gave the commandment to Eve, but she knew that it came from God.

Gen 3:1-7

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, **God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.**

Eve quoted the commandment of the Lord to the serpent, "God hath said, we can't eat from or touch the tree, lest we die. Eve knew there would be a price to pay for eating the fruit. She knew she would die (cease to exist, separation, life leaves the body).

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ***(He lied)***

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened,

and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Did they die? Not in a physical sense, but in a spiritual way. Man is made of a threefold being, body (flesh, experience pain, disease, sickness and death), soul (the mind, will of man, intellect that is control by the five senses), and the spirit (the part that God gave us that he would know (Ecc 12:7), and that would connect with God).

The communication process between God and man in the book of Genesis, worked like this; God (being a Spirit John 4:24) would commune with the spirit of man, and the spirit of man would commune with the soul of man, and soul of man knew how to please God.

The reason why their eyes were opened and they knew that they were naked, was because their spirit died (cut off from God's Spirit) and they were no longer seeing through the eyes of God.

The spirit that God placed in man went dormant, and because of man's spirit being in a dormant state, there is a part of us that will always be empty, hungry, and thirsty and never satisfied. The only way to have that void filled in our life once again is for God's Spirit to come into us and reconnect our spirit with his.

Rom 5:12

12 Wherefore, as by one man (**Adam**) sin entered into the world, and death (**Spiritual**) by sin; and so death (**Spiritual**) **passed upon all men**, for that all have sinned:

(KJV)

Because of the sin of Adam, every one that is born into this world, is born with a dead (dormant to God's Spirit) spirit.

That is why the drug addicts, alcoholics, gang members, prostitutes (male or female) cannot break their habits, because they are looking for satisfaction in all the wrong places. They realize that there is something missing in their life, but they don't know what it is, so they will use the things of this world to try and fill the emptiness, void, hunger, and thirst that is in their life.

What people fail to understand is that it is the spirit of man crying out for a relationship with God. That void will never be filled, until God's Spirit comes into their life.

This is King David speaking here.

Ps 51:5-6

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

David overcame being a product of his own environment and being born with a sinful nature. He became a man after God's own heart. The Spirit came on him on two different occasions; to protect the sheep from a lion and a bear. God also used him to kill the giant. When David prayed, God would answer his prayer. He had a strong relationship with God, but he realized something was missing. Look at verse 6.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

(KJV)

There was something on the inside of him that said there has to be more to God than what I have. It was his spirit crying out for a relationship with God. It is not enough to believe in God, but we must be filled with his Spirit. The inward parts of David said there has to be more; I'm not satisfied. There is nothing that can fill that void except the Spirit of God.

John 4:1-18

1 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

3 He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

4 And he must needs go through Samaria.

5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. **(About 12:00 noon, the hottest part of the day)**

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

First, I want to make this point; Jesus will do whatever it takes to get to someone that needs him. He stated, "he must needs go through Samaria." Why? So he could minister to the woman at the well.

When Jesus asked the woman of Samaria to give him a drink, she was shocked, because the Jews were very prejudiced people, especially toward the Samaritans. The Samaritans were called Mongrel Jews, because they were half Jew and half Greek, and because of this, the Jews would have nothing to do with them.

Jesus went to the well for a reason, because this woman had a need that she did not realize that she had. To the Lord, the race of a person means nothing to him.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

This woman was thinking in the natural and Jesus was speaking in the spiritual. The woman thought Jesus wanted to give her natural water, but Jesus was talking about the inner man (Man's spirit), because he knew her spirit was thirsting for more than what the world was able to give.

Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

He was not just talking about natural water, he was talking about what ever you use in this world to try and quench your thirst you will thirst again. It is impossible with out God.

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Jesus said the water that he gives shall be like a well of water springing up into everlasting life and that a person would never thirst again. In other words, the

Lord will completely satisfy you where you don't need to drink from the world. For his well will be in you. He is talking about the Spirit of God.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

The women got tired of coming to the same well.

Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

When Jesus first began to deal with the woman of Samaria, he did not expose what she was using to fill her emptiness and void in her life. He just simply pointed out that there was a need in the inside of her.

When the woman asked for that living water, then Jesus exposed what she used to fill her emptiness and void, it was men. Jesus said go and call thy husband, and come-hither.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

(KJV)

He let her know that she was living in sin and the only way for her to come out of it, and the men she had been with, was to drink of that living water which is the Spirit of God.

John 3:1-8

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a teacher and a ruler. He came to Jesus by night because he did not want his Pharisee friends to see him. The Pharisees were a strict religious sect that lived by the Old Testament law. They felt like Jesus was a blasphemer and a false prophet.

He made a statement about Jesus, that he did not answer, instead he answered the question of his heart in verse 3.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus was searching for something within himself to bring him complete satisfaction. According to Romans 14:17, the bible say that the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Nicodemus was confused about what Jesus meant about being born again. So he asked Jesus a question in verse 4.

Nicodemus 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?

Nicodemus understood what Jesus said about being born again, but he was thinking in the natural and Jesus was speaking in the spiritual. Jesus took it a step further in verse 5.

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

In order to enter into the Kingdom of God, you must be born of the water (Baptism) and Spirit (Received the Holy Ghost). The key is you must be born all over again in a spiritual way.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Some people say, when we are born naturally, that is our water birth. But Jesus here in verse 6 makes a strict distinction, "and that which is born of flesh is flesh and that which is born of Spirit is spirit".

Nicodemus was thinking within himself, he said I'm a Pharisee, a ruler of the Jews and I instruct people on the things of God, and he is telling me that I must be born again in order to enter into the Kingdom of God? Jesus spoke to him in verse 7.

Marvel (***Don't be surprise***) not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Here in verse 8, Jesus gives us a little insight on what it is like when a person is filled with the Holy Ghost.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth (***where it wants to***), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

(KJV)

When a person is filled with the Holy Ghost, it is like the wind. You can't see the Holy Ghost coming and you can't see it going, but there will be a sound thereof.

In verse 6, Jesus made a statement that which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of Spirit is spirit. Jesus made the Spiritual birth process just like the fleshly birth. In the flesh when a person is born, several things have to take place.

Husband and wife come together in an intimate way and the woman conceives. The baby is being developed in the water sac. When the water breaks, and the mother is rushed to the hospital, and the baby is delivered, what is the sign to the mother and everyone else around that the baby is alive? It is when that baby cries. That is the cry of life, the sound of new life.

The Spiritual birth is just like the natural birth. When a person hears the word of God, it is planted in their heart. The bible calls the word of God the seed (Luke 8:11). The seed or the word causes us to do something. Jesus said except a man is born of the water (water baptism) and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. Notice that water is present in the natural (water sac) and in the spiritual (water baptism). We said when the baby came out in the natural; the only way we knew that the baby had life was when the baby cried. It is the same way in the spiritual; a person cries with a new language when they are filled with the spirit. You can't understand a newborn natural baby when it cries; neither can you understand a spiritual baby. But one key thing is that the cry for the natural baby and spiritual baby, is a sign of new life.

John 7:37-39 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Why would Jesus ask this type of question during a feast? Because he knew the natural things of this world could never satisfy the soul of man. So here the Lord is speaking of a spiritual thirst.

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

If we believe on him according to the scriptures, out of our belly will flow living water. What is the living water? The living water is the Spirit of God.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

(KJV)

Notice the word should receive, that means it depends on you. God will not force his Spirit on anyone.

Mark 16:15-17

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

(KJV)

There is a sign that follows every true believer; they will speak with new tongues.

The next few scriptures we look at, everyone that received the Holy Ghost spoke in tongues and there was a sound thereof according to John 3:8.

Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

(KJV)

These signs shall follow them that believe they shall speak with new tongues. Acts 2:4, also said, " as the Spirit gave them utterance", that is the sound thereof according to John 3:8.

Acts 10:43-48

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

(KJV)

Acts 10:1-6

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 A devout (***devoted to the service of God***) man, and one that feared (***Reverence***) God with all his house (***his family and servant***), which gave much alms to the people (***compassionateness deeds to the people***), and prayed to God always.

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: **he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.**

(KJV)

Cornelius was a devout man and one that feared God with his entire house, and gave alms to the people and always prayed. By religious standards of today, we would say that he was saved and ready to go to heaven. But Cornelius did not have everything that he needed to be saved. Because he loved God so much, God sent down an angel to tell him whom he need to go to and that what he ought to do. Peter was the one that the angel of God sent him to. Remember Peter had the keys (Matt 16:18-19).

The next few verses that we read will explain what happened when Peter came.

Acts 10:43-48 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Here Peter is preaching the word of God.

44 While Peter yet spake these words (***What words, the words in verse 43***), the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

How do we know that they received the gift of the Holy Ghost?

46 ***For they heard them speak with tongues (These signs shall follow them that believe, they shall speak in new tongues. There will be a sound thereof according to John 3:8)***, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

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Acts 19:1-6

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

You can believe and not have received the Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

These signs shall follow them that believe, and they shall speak with new tongues and there will be a sound thereof.

Everyone that received the Holy Ghost, according to the word of God spoke in tongues.

A question is why did God choose tongues as a sign of people receiving the Holy Ghost?

James 3:1-8

1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

The reason why the word of God uses the analogy of bits that are put in a horses mouth,

is because the word is letting us know that something so small can control something so big.

Behold also the ships, which though they be so great (***very big***), and are driven of fierce winds (***strong wing***), yet are they turned about with a **very small helm**, whithersoever the governor listeth.

Something so small can control something so big.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

Mankind has been able to tame everything except???

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

God chose the tongue because when you receive the Holy Ghost and the Spirit speaks a new language through you, God is showing that he can control

something that you can't, and when God takes control of your tongue, it means he has control of your whole body.

Rom 8:9

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.
Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.