

## BORN FROM ABOVE

When Jesus died on the cross, the Father reconciled the world to himself. The world speaks of every person born into it, and the natural creation including the universe.

Salvation is not about a personal choice we make, but a choice God made before the foundation of the world to include everyone.

*Eph 1: <sup>4</sup>According* (implying manner, of time-when) *as he hath chosen us* (specific point in time, selection) *in* (intimate union with) *him before* (before time) *the foundation* ( the beginning of creation, founding, laying down) *of the world* (heavens and earth, the universe, the inhabitants of the earth), *that we should be* (present infinitive-no reference to time, continuous action- to exist) *holy* (hagios-the root of the word is-hag-which means with, and hagnos-pure, freedom from defilements or impurity. The word means with-pure, sharing in God's purity, set apart) *and without blame* (without spot or blemish) *before* (face, presence of) *him in* (intimate union with, remaining in place) *love* (to look upon affectionately).

The father chose us in Jesus before we were lost in Adam, before the natural creation. That we should be holy, that and should is not in the original language. It literally reads-we continuously exist in his presence pure and spotless before his face in love.

Revelation 3:8 says this- the lamb was slain before the foundation of the world. So Jesus already saved us before he lost us in Adam.

So we were saved by what Jesus already accomplished both before the foundation the world and when he physically manifested it on the cross. It is already a done deal from God's perspective.

Just like in the natural we didn't have anything to do with our natural birth so we also didn't have anything to do with our spiritual birth.

Our natural birth was all the work of our natural parents and our spiritual birth is all the work of our spiritual parents.

*Eph 2: <sup>5</sup>Even when we were* (continuous action, being) *dead in sins* ( definite article-the sin- noun not a verb, what we inherited from the first Adam, the loss of our identity) , *hath quickened us together with* (specific point past, to make one alive together, make alive with, as raised from death to life with God) *Christ, (by grace Ye are saved )<sup>6</sup>And hath raised us up together* (an action that happened at a specific point in the past, to cause to raise together with), *and made us sit together* (specific point past, cause to sit down with) *in* (intimate union with, remaining in) *heavenly places In Christ Jesus : <sup>7</sup>That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding Riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For* (signifies "and in fact") *by grace* (the divine influence of His Spirit, His Ability and His Nature) *are ye saved* (the spiritual state brought about by the finished result of the action, restoration to the image God intended) *through* (by means of, intermediate cause through which the effect proceeds) *faith; and that not* (full negation) *of yourselves: it is the gift* (gift, present) *of God:*

We are born from above. The reason people are not experiencing it is because they are not hearing the gospel, the good news. The faith of God comes by hearing the word of Christ (anointing). God has chosen you in Christ, when Jesus was raised from the dead so were you.

When we are filled with the Spirit, and people can feel the love of God in the words we speak, they are going to receive what we are

saying and encounter God in the words we speak. And when they encounter God they are going to experience what it means to be born again.

*John 1: <sup>12</sup>But as many (multitude) as received (action that happens in a specific point in time, active voice-not passive-to actively take, to lay hold of, to receive into your spirit. To receive what is given or imparted, to obtain, partake of. To receive the person of someone, spoken of a King. Metaphorically of a teacher, to receive, acknowledge, embrace and follow his instructions. In the natural realm- to receive him like a person into your house) him( the living word) , to them gave (action that happens in a specific point in time, Jesus himself gives, he bestows upon, he imparts through the Holy Spirit) he power (authority) to become (a specific point in time, middle tense – receiving what is offered-to begin to be, to come into existence or into a spiritual condition implying origin- in the natural realm, the initial experience of life) the sons (Téknon – child- a designation for offspring and reflects the individual as one who is parented, Metaphorically of one who is the object of parental love and care, and responds with the feelings of a child towards their parents) of God, even to them that believe (definite article-the, continuous action-to be firmly persuaded, to believe) on (motion into) his name (person, character, who he is): <sup>13</sup>Which were born (to be begotten or be born) , not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*