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PRESENTATION

We live at times where the having is more important than being! The values of quantity are bigger than the values of quality. Things have more value than people. Almost everything is measured by monetary standards and, more often than never, the prevalent thought is money and material assets.

Nowadays we live a inversion of values. Jesus said in Luke 12:13-15: Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

The standards that Jesus used to use are quite different from the ones we are taught in this world, despite of all the culture and knowledge that the mankind has created over the past years. In Matthew 16:24-26 Jesus says: Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

I invite you dear friend to read the pages of this booklet and try to find the real wealth. Where to find it? How to possess it? What really is the real wealth? About this matter Jesus said the following in Luke 12:16-21: And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

That the Lord blesses you when reading every word that's written in these pages, for here are words from the essence of the Bible to enrich your life here on earth and free

you from the eternal fire lake reserved for those who do not believe in the salvation through the work of Jesus Christ in the cross!

INTRODUCTION

Dear reader, when start reading this booklet, do not stop, go to its end, do not ignore what is written, do not throw it away, do not look it with contempt, read with care and awe, for the Holy Bible says in Chapter 3 of the Gospel written by John, the following dialogue:

"Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

The Lord Jesus was emphatic on this matter and did not leave for less the message transmitted to Nocodemos". If one is not born again he can not see the kingdom of God" Given this statement of Jesus, we ask the following question: HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN? Why to be born again? This may be your answer, or: How to be born

again? Another question that can be done if indeed it interest you. In truth and perspective, when the Lord Jesus addressed this issue, he did so with a high social standing man, cultural and "spiritual" in Israel, so that the Lord says, "Thou art the teacher of Israel and not know these things? "

We can not play with serious matter, either with the fate of our soul, for this is something that God cares so much that he sent his only Son for this purpose, see what the Gospel says in this same chapter 3, verse 16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Therefore, this issue is of utmost importance and relevance in the eyes of God who cares about me and you, so provided salvation through Jesus Christ. So, I repeat the question: HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?

No offense to repeat as herein because it is deliberate, since only through the repetition of the method is that we can save as much as possible what we hear. In the context, it is salutary as it is for your sake, for the sake of your soul and your eternal happiness. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God - Psalm 9:17. Hell will not be the end, for the Holy Bible records in Revelation 20:14 that death and hell will be cast into the lake of fire. If hell is not a place of delights, knows that there is a place worse than it, and to there will go those who are outside of Christ Jesus, that is, all who are not born again. Hence the insistent and thought-provoking question: HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?

Note that we are not asking what is your religion or if you are part of a church, whether it is Catholic, Protestant, spiritualist, Buddhist or Jewish, for the Bible does not label, the label is a product of fertile imagination of human beings, the Bible shows only two paths, two addresses and two destinations. Christ or the world; Christ or destruction; Christ or the lake of fire. The Lord Jesus was vigorously when he made this statement in John 15:6: "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them and throw them into the fire and burned. "We can not ignore that Lord Jesus's concern is not about religion, the church you attend or if you are a member, pastor, priest, leader, if you give the tithe, sings in the choir, has made many visits to help some charity, but, what Jesus says is that if you're not in him, you will be released in the burning fire. HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?

Do you know how to be in Christ? Don't stop reading this book because of this insistent question, but you know how to be in Christ? In chapter 12:32 of the gospel written by John, Jesus made the following statement: " And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me". Do you know why Jesus had to draw all mankind in His body on that cross? The Bible has this answer and we will see in the following pages of this book, so do not stop reading, continue, and in the end, discover the importance of this matter, God paid a high price and it cost him the life of his Son. Finally, discover here the real wealth.

Chapter I

THE HUMAN RACE AND HIS SINFUL NATURE

The Holy Bible in the book of Acts, chapter 17:24 says: "The God who made the world and everything in it, is Lord of heaven and earth, does not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshiped with men's hands, as though he needed anything; because he himself gives all men life and breath and all things; And made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; "Discovering that all humans descended from Adam, because this is the first man made by God from dust, the Bible tells us that Adam sinned and the gene of sin was transmitted to the whole human race: Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;" says more The Holy Bible in Romans 5:12: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned" All are born with this sinful nature, it was transmitted by Adam, as the representative of the human race. All were infected with this evil inoculated in humans by Satan in the Garden of Eden. It is not without reason that Jesus said in chapter 12:34 of the gospel written by Matthew: "You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks."

All people born in this world are born under the rule of Satan. The way to be free from the empire of the darkness, to the kingdom of God, is through the new birth, when you acknowledge and believe that Christ was raised on that cross to draw you into His Holy Body: " And I, when I am lifted up[a] from the earth, will draw all people to myself."(John 12:32). "Giving thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of his love; In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: "(Colossians 1: 12-14). This sinful nature there is nothing that is usable: Isaiah 1: 6. "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." Isaiah 64: 6: "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. "

The solution to this evil God found in the cross of Christ: I Peter 2:24: "He himself bore

our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed". Ephesians 2:1-3: "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath". There is no half-measures or half-truth, the medicine must be taken as a single dose to eradicate once and for all this evil that is so serious in God's eyes: Acts 2:38-40: "Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation".

The perverse generation to which Peter refers is the Adamic generation, the one from which descends the whole human race, but the Bible leaves no doubt that with this sinful nature no one can see or enter the kingdom of God, nor enjoy the fellowship with the Lord. In John 3:5 Jesus answered: Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

Think hard about your spiritual condition. The question is not what church you belong or what's your religion, the real question is: HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN? Have you found your true wealth?

Chapter II

THE WORK OF THE ANTICHRIST

Any evangelization that does not take the individual to die in the body of Christ, is mere religious fantasy. We can open the Bible and talk about many things, but the key is to take the sinner to die to sin in Christ's body. Without this, there will be no new birth, regeneration or increase to the kingdom of God. In this regard the Holy Bible leaves no doubt: I Corinthians 15:36: "You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies". I Corinthians 5: 14-15: "For Christ's love compels us, because we thus judge, that if "one died for all, therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and rose again." How do we die to the sin? I Peter 2:24: " who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. Romans 6: 7. "For he who has died has been freed from sin. " Dead to sin in Christ's body enjoying the justified condition. Jesus changes you luck for all eternity.

The idea of "saved sinners" does not find embasement in the Bible. This statement "saved sinners" is arrangement and invention of the religious system to conform and justify their practices and worldly preaching, but without biblical foundation. The Bible gives a spiritual connotation that does not remember the idea of "saved sinners." Let's look at Romans 5: 8: "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Therefore, the real meaning is that the new born is no longer sinner, he was, but no longer, the sinner's status was changed: II Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. What the Bible is saying is quite different from "saved sinner", do you know why?

In Isaiah 13: 9 it says, Behold, the day of the Lord comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. Notice that the Bible doesn't distinguishes a saved sinner from a condemned sinner. This fantasy is so illogical according to biblical standards that would be the same as saying: "There are cured sick and sick who are sick." Now, either the person is sick and needs healing or is healed and there is no more disease.

For God, sinner is a sinner without distinction and has right destination: the lake of fire. In God's eyes there is no light or grave sin, small or large. There is no hierarchy of sin. Adam did not believe in what God said, so he died spiritually to God. The people of Israel did not remember what God had said into the land of Canaan, he wandered the desert for over 40 years and a whole generation perished, except Joshua and Caleb who remembered what the Lord had spoken.

The Work of Christ in this world was to get rid of the sinful nature and free from the lake of fire. Don't you believe in his sufficiency? Notice what is written in Hebrews 10: 15-18: But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," *then He adds*: "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." Now where there is remission of these, *there is* no longer an offering for sin. And there is one more little detail: John 9:31: " Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Romans 8: 1: *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Unlike the finished work on Calvary, the Antichrist wants to lead you to believe first that you are a good person, and we do not discuss it, for your goodness is yours own, but with your own justice you do not enter the kingdom of God. Remember? HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN? And, second, the antichrist do not want you to hear and neither believe in this finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary, work that includes you in the same sacrifice so that the old man was crucified with Him, dead and buried, but God raised Him from the dead and rose all who believed that participated in the same sacrifice. Ephesians 2: 6: " And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, Third, the Antichrist makes you think that the important thing is to have a religion, going to a church and believe in God.

To human eyes this seems to be a beautiful spiritual architectural design, however, before God, it is worthless. Jesus undertook to demystify this idea when he told this parable: Luke 18: 9-14: " To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and

prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

By last, the antichrist leads some people to believe in reincarnation or in purgatory and of course, once in purgatory there will be chances to go to heaven, but also because leaving this life, there will be opportunity to return here to improve and have a better life. I’m sorry, but both ideas are soundly rejected by Jesus, he says in Luke 16: 19-31: There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell[d] from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

Dear reader, do not play with the fate of your soul. Do not listen to the voice of the Antichrist because he is against Christ and make no mistake, he walks among us disguised as good preachers of the Word, but that’s not the gospel of God’s grace. See the warning of the Apostle Paul about them: Philippians 3: 17-19: Join together in

following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

I'm sorry, but I've got to ask the same question: HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN? Have you found your true wealth?

Chapter III

WHY THE NEW BIRTH?

Because the Bible says that we are born with a wicked, evil nature and Adamic and so we need the divine nature to be children of God and this divine nature can only be gained with the new birth. As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. **3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. (Ephesians 2: 1-3). This exchange of nature occurs in the death of the sinner in the body of Christ on Calvary's cross, He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (I Peter 2:24). Hence, we come to participate in the divine nature Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (II Peter 1: 4). And because Jesus was emphatic with Nicodemus, leaving no room for doubt: Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3: 3).

Notice that Jesus said that without the new birth no one can see the kingdom of God. Another no less dramatic statement comes following: Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. (John 3: 5). With the spiritual nature that we come to the world we can not see neither enter the kingdom of God. In this regard see what the apostle Paul said: So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. (I Corinthians 15: 45-49). Make no mistake, you may have heard that we are created in the image and likeness of God, is not it? But that's not quite right! See what the Bible says: When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. (Genesis 5: 3). Have you ever

stopped to think that we born in this world as the image and likeness of Adam? And what is the image and likeness of Adam? "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned. (Romans 5:12). Note that the image and likeness of Adam Adam is a blurred image, distorted from the divine purposes, because God did not create man to be a sinner, but this thus became when listened and believed in the voice of the devil in the Garden of Eden. By this act, Adam became a child of the devil and led the human race to be born under this stigma.

It is not without reason that Jesus made this statement when the Judaizers contended with Him: You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44). Do not be angry if you were not born again and is still child of the devil. This statement was the Lord Jesus who made in the above text and it's not out of context, for when Jesus said to Nicodemus: Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3: 3). It involves anyone and everyone without distinction. But if the human being didn't born dead to God there would not be a need of the new birth. So the question is serious and involves again the question: HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN? Have you figured out where the real wealth is?

Chapter IV

HOW DOES THE NEW BIRTH HAPPEN?

The New Birth is a nature transplant (change of spiritual heart) that God has wrought in the sinner's life in Christ on Calvary's cross, And I, when I am lifted up[g] from the earth, will draw all people to myself. (John 12:32). This promise made by Jesus was announced by God from the Garden of Eden and reaffirmed by the prophets: 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. (Ezekiel 36:26). Like it or not, we are born like this, with the heart of stone, hard and hardened by sins as recognized by the psalmist David, Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. (Psalm 51: 5). God in his infinite grace made us this promise fulfilled by Jesus when he was raised on that cross, to attract me and you, everyone, without exception and without partiality. To the prophet Jeremiah God also said: The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. (Jeremiah 31: 3). The same said the prophet Hosea: I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them. (Hosea 11: 4).

To fulfill the Old Testament prophecies Jesus said what is written in John 12:32. The apostle Paul, most known human theologian that ever was in this planet, made the following statement to the Corinthian church: For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. (II Corinthians 5:14). It was revealed to the Apostle and to all who want the truth that the death of Jesus Christ was not only his, but ours as well. That death was to sin, the devil and the world: And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. (II Corinthians 5:15). The apostle's reasoning and conclusion reached on this matter is that: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here! (II Corinthians 5:17). The apostle says that we can not ignore this fact, because it is very important for the spiritual life and life as a whole, either in this world or in the future: What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried

with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,[a] that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. (Romans 6: 1-7). Note the dear reader that the apostle is referring to trivial matters, but which are ignored by religious followers. For example: The baptism into Christ's death is the first baptism that occurs when you say to God that believes in your inclusion in the Body of Christ on that cross, by being attracted by Jesus. That's also the crucifixion and death of the old man with the consequent resurrection of the new creature.

The atoning death of Christ has two sides, one objective and the other subjective. The first is that, in that death He died - objective fact, but the second is that he took me to die with Him - subjective fact. And it is by faith, when I hear this truth of the gospel and the salvation finished work of God in Christ. That work I took as mine own and I surrender myself to the effective operation by the Holy Spirit in my life. The Holy Spirit is the one that convinces me of sin, justice and judgment. Let's return to the classic question: HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN? Do not get upset with the question, because it is very important for your life, what is at stake is the fate of your soul, heaven or hell, heaven or the lake of fire. Have you already discovered the true wealth?

Chapter V

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NEW BORN

Well, suddenly you may be wondering: Have I been born again? Or: Am I a new creature? Do not play irrogado nor arrogant. Do not be proud and also do not be overwhelmed. Do not be arrogant, but do not be ashamed. The Bible outlines some characteristics of the new creature. Let's look at some of them:

- 1) **LIVE FOR GOD** - For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14: 7-8). For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2: 19-20).
- 2) **LOVE AND IS LOVED BY GOD** - He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." (John 14:21). The new born has love for the word of God and the Holy Spirit makes him keep what is written in it; he loves Jesus and is loved by God. This love of God leads to disruption of the love for the world and profanity in it: Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (I John 2: 15-17).
- 3) **HAVE PEACE** - Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble. (Psalm 119: 165). One born again enjoys the peace that has no explanation to human eyes, it is the peace that only Jesus can give: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27). This peace is achieved by the attraction in the body of Jesus Christ that justifies the sinner: Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand; and rejoice in hope of the glory of God (Romans 5: 1-2). Unlike the new born who enjoys this peace that comes from

Christ, the sinner, the ungodly, the wicked or one who is not borned again, the Bible says that for him there is no peace: To the wicked, however, there is no peace, says the Lord (Isaiah 48:22). Do you enjoy the peace that comes from the Lord? But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. (Ephesians 2: 13-16).

4) HAVE JOY - For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (Romans 14:17). The born again have joy that the world does not explain, even if things are going from bad to worse. As the prophet says: Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. (Habakkuk 3: 17-18).

Even if you have bills to pay and see no resources available; even if you have health problems in the family; relationship problems; issues that at first glance seems unsolvable, yet inwardly you enjoy this joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. Someone once said that “joy is a serious thing in heaven”. It’s acceptable for a Christian to be someone frowning, dour, grumpy, but is someone joyful, for the joy express the happiness and contentment with his Lord.

A grumpy Christian is a slanderer of God's Kingdom, and constitutes a channel of propagation of the unfruitful works of darkness, for the devil laughs when sees it, unhappy with the one who freed and transported him to the kindom of light that is Christ.

5) REST - Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. (Psalm 37: 7). Do you know why the new borned rest in the Lord? Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. (Psalm 37: 3). Because he learned to trust the Lord. Because he feeds from the truth which is Christ: Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know

me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” (John 14: 6). For in Christ the new borned finds the true rest that everyone needs for the soul: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11: 28-30).

6) ABANDONS OLD HABITS - Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.^[b] 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. (Colossians 3: 5-10). The new creature is inhabited and guided by the Holy Spirit, so he gets a new manual (the Bible) to lead conveniently according to the will of his Lord, to say that old incompatible habits and practices towards the kingdom of God must be abandoned and a new model received as the standard of conduct, rule of practice and faith. Now he is a citizen of heaven and this new kingdom does not fit worldly practices: not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:19). This new life, has a new family with new habits, new vocabulary, new way of conduct and a new Lord!

Chapter VI

WHERE'S THE REAL WEALTH?

By now, did you understand that the true wealth is not in quantity of goods we possess in this life, but in the greater good which is eternal life in Christ Jesus and therefore the relationship with God? Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” (Luke 12: 13-21).

For richer than anyone can ever be in this world, it will never be enough to enter heaven. The Holy Bible addresses that the real wealth is the Spiritual one, and leaves a serious warning to us: You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. (Deuteronomy 8: 17-18).

King David recognized the greatness of God and the source of all that sustains life in the universe: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. (I Chronicles 29:12). The proverbs writer saw in the divine wisdom the correct source of a true wealth: by me princes govern, and nobles—all who rule on earth. I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. (Proverbs 8: 16-19). There is a serious warning to those who rely on material wealth: Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf. (Proverbs 11:28).

God takes this issue so seriously that he makes no distinction between the wealth of the righteous and the sinner: A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. (Proverbs 13:22). And it is better to have a good name than great a richness: A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. (Proverbs 22: 1). And watch out for the riches of unfair, unjust and unlawful origin: Like a partridge that hatches eggs it did not lay are those who gain riches by unjust means. When their lives are half gone, their riches will desert them, and in the end they will prove to be fools. (Jeremiah 17:11). Through the prophet Jeremiah God made a very important recommendation for those who are obsessed with material things and the things of this world, This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 9: 23-24).

The apostle Paul welcomed the Ephesian church as follows: For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength (Ephesians 1.15-19). Christ is the prototype of the Christian and in this regard the legacy left to all that will follow him: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. (II Corinthians 8: 9). In Christ are all the treasures and all the wealth that someone might want and need for life: I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col. 2 : 1-3).

CONCLUSION

We have reached the end of this brief reflection. Thank you for having accompanied me this far and I hope I have helped you meditate about this important issue for life, either in this world or in the next. Know that you are a winner for ending reading this book, for seventy percent do not reach its end. I am sure that God added something deep in your mind and consciousness. He will give you faith to believe in His wonderful word and by his infinite grace will give you understanding, revelation, and eternal life in Jesus Christ.

That the Lord bless you and keep you safe, gives you the revelation of this finished work on Calvary's cross, that is, your inclusion in the body of Christ, his crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection with Christ, this is the only way you'll enjoy the great spiritual wealth by eternity with God in Christ.

Amen and amen!

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