



Dear Precious Friend,

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Born From Above: Part Two

There are two births. The first is physical and the second is spiritual from above, of the Holy Spirit. That's why Jesus says we don't know where the Spirit comes from or where it's going. Many people think of the Spirit like wind that blows from the east or west. but the Spirit comes down to the Earth from above, from heaven. That's the direction of the Holy Spirit. That's also the direction of those who are born of the Holy Spirit. It's vertical not horizontal.

We can see throughout scripture that most of the time when someone had an encounter with God, it was from above. God told Moses to make everything in the tabernacle according to the pattern which God showed him from above. The Apostle Paul saw a light and heard the voice of Jesus from above. That's how he knew that the voice of Jesus was the voice of God. The Apostle Peter saw a canopy come down from heaven and go back up to heaven 3 times. In Acts chapter 2, a sound came from Heaven like a strong wind that filled the whole house. The Holy Spirit came from above, from heaven, not like a wind from the east or west.

James 1:16, says that every good and perfect gift comes from above, not again. It's the same word that Jesus used to tell Nicodemus that he needed to be born from above. In John 3:31, Jesus clearly explains to us what he means when he uses the phrase born from above. He says that the one who comes from above is above all. Then He says that the one who comes from heaven is above all. He is saying that the one who comes from above is the one who comes from heaven. He is saying that being born from above means to be born from heaven, from the dwelling place of God.

In Colossians 3:1-2, Paul says to set our heart on the things above (*ἄνω/ano*), not on the things of the Earth. It's the same prefix in Greek with the same meaning: Above meaning heaven. It couldn't be clearer. Paul says to set our mind on the things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Yeshua is in heaven so that's what Paul is talking about. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Our hearts have been set on the Earth because that's where our treasure has been, on earthly and temporal treasures and pleasures, but it ought not to be so. Our true treasure is Christ who is in heaven seated at the right hand of the Father and that's where our heart ought to dwell. In His presence is fulness of joy. In Philippians 3:14, Paul also says that he stretches forward for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus. This upward calling is the same prefix used for above. Upward means Heavenward.

Beloved, we have had a Nicodemus mentality for too long. We have many Nicodemus churches, ministries and ministers who have instructed us in being born a second time on earth, rather than in being born from above, from heaven by the Spirit. Their earthly instruction has not taught us how to live from our home above where we were born and how to set our hearts there.

But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. *Galatians 4:26*

The heavenly Jerusalem is called our mother because it's from her "womb" that we were birthed from above. A woman is not called a mother until she gives birth to children. We were born from our mother, from the Jerusalem which is above and we are free citizens of that eternal city now with all its privileges.

Beloved, the power and the pattern is from above, from the Holy Spirit who came from heaven to Earth. The direction of the Holy Spirit is still upward and downward. So are those who are born of the Spirit from above.

Good News from the Bible Lands:

We have had guests almost non-stop since June and it's been a joy to see God working supernaturally among us in unity, love and power. We have had guests from Israel, Germany and Australia and America! The Greeks are open as never before to hear the gospel preached to them in their own New Covenant language. They have been in an economic crisis for at least 10 years and at the same time flooded by war-torn refugees from the Middle East. Now that they have been humbled and weakened, the day of salvation for the Greek people has come. The Israelis are here in great numbers. They are seeking a place of safety, peace and refuge. The Lord God of Israel is waiting with open arms. The Greeks owe the Jews a debt since the Jewish Apostle Paul came and gave his life to turn them from idols to serve the living God. It's their turn now to provoke the Jews to return to their God. The stage has been set for a replay and grand finale of the Book of Acts in this region. Every photo above has a supernatural story behind it. Amazing testimonies of salvations and healings led by the Holy Spirit. Please pray that the God of Israel will be mightily glorified in this Bible region as fires begin to ignite once again after almost 2,000 years!

Thanking you once again for your faithful friendship, love and support. Thanks to those who write encouraging notes that uplift me and press me on. I love you and appreciate you all so very much!

Shalom and Agape,

Greta

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