

**Mild He lays His glory by**

**Born that man no more may die**

**Born to raise the sons of earth**

**Born to give them SECOND BIRTH.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing**

**"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Have you experienced this second birth? If not, then according to Jesus you will not enter into the Kingdom of God.**

*John 3:3 "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."*

**You must be born again. So, what does that mean to be born again? This is a hard thing to understand. Jesus was talking to a man named Nicodemus when He said these words.**

**Nicodemus asked 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?"**

**Jesus explained to him that our first birth is physical by our Mothers, but the second birth is Spiritual, by the Holy Spirit.**

**The Bible tells us that because of Adam's sin, that sin has passed upon all men and that all have sinned. We have all inherited a sin nature; that means we have a natural tendency toward sin.**

**We still have the choice to resist that urge to sin; but we have all turned from God and willingly chosen to sin.**

**The punishment for our sin is death and separation from God in Hell. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death;**

**Some may say, "Well, my sins weren't that bad. I never murdered anyone, or robbed a bank. I only have little sins. Surely God will overlook these."**

*Revelations 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone:"*

**To God, liars and murderers are the same, both are guilty of breaking His laws.**

*James 2:10 "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."*

**Some people reach a point in their lives where they believe that they no longer sin. The Bible makes it clear that when they believe this they are deceived.**

*1John 1:8 "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."*

*Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"*

*Mark 7:21-23 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye,*

*blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."*

**Even just one sin, whether in thought or in deed, makes us guilty of breaking God's laws, and therefore condemns us as sinners.**

*1John 3:15 "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."*

**Even if it were possible from here on out, to never sin again, there remains the debt of past sins that must be paid. No amount fresh baked cookies, or acts of kindness would satisfy our legal system or make up to the family of a lost loved one for a brutal murder committed. The same way, no amount of good works or religious activities will satisfy God's just punishment of our sins.**

**According to the Bible, good deeds, sacraments, going to church, or anything else we can do ourselves will NEVER pay for our sins. Even these are soiled by our sin and unacceptable to God.**

*Isaiah 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;"*

**Neither is there any place of purification to go and suffer for a while to pay for our sins.**

**(There is no purgatory ever mentioned in the Bible, only Heaven and Hell.) When we die in our sins, Hell is the end of the road for us, and there we will be for all eternity.**

**Our holy God, who cannot lie, has declared that the just punishment for our sin is death.**

He cannot go back on His word, or overlook our sin, or He would not be just and holy and pure. We are All guilty before Him, and He must punish our sin.

The only way we can pay for our sins is by going to Hell, eternally. But God loves us so much that He does not want us to go there. He made a way for us to escape, by allowing someone else to take our punishment and die in our place.

*John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

Jesus, who never sinned, suffered and died in our place so that our payment for sin could be made without us going to hell. God himself, stepped down off His throne and died in our place. Then He rose again to bring us new life, that second birth.

It is as if He went to the electric chair and took our death penalty for us. If there was ANY other way for us to pay for our sins, it would have been pointless for Him to suffer and die.

*Galatians 2:21 "... if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."*

**There is only one way for us to be saved.**

*Act. 16:30 & 31 "...what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,"*

**When we turn from our sins, toward God and believe in what Christ has done for us alone,**

**(and not in ourselves) we are born again by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God comes to live inside of us. We are born again spiritually and only then are we able to stand uncondemned before a Holy God.**

*Titus 3:5 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; "*

*Ephesians 2:8 & 9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

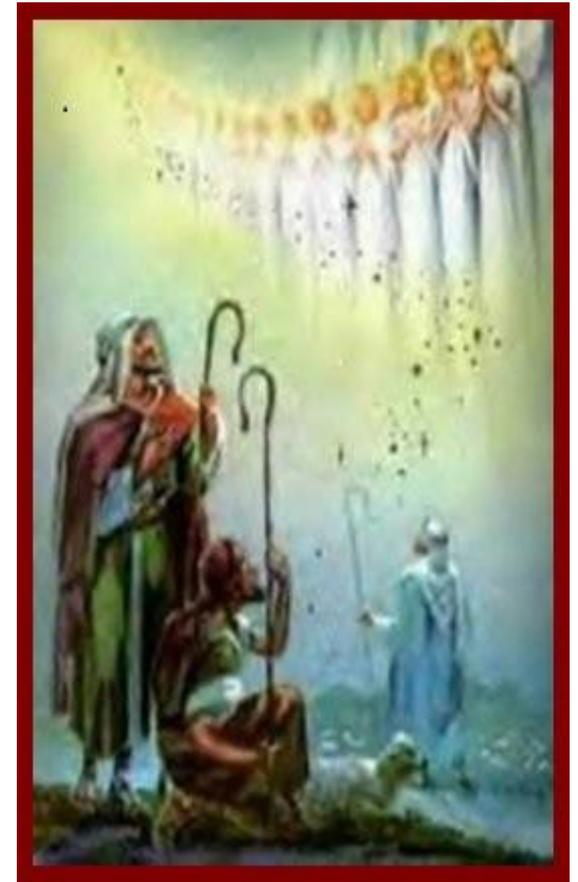
**Trusting Jesus plus our own works will not save us. Trusting in our own works nullifies God's grace.**

*Romans 11:6 "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."*

**Call upon the Lord today, confessing and forsaking your sin, and put your trust in Jesus. He will forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness, and give you eternal life. If you have believed the message of Christ today, find a Bible-believing Church, be baptized as a testimony of your faith, and read your Bible every day.**

*All Scripture is taken from the King James Version of the Bible.*

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