

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ which according to His abundant mercy hath *begotten* us *again* unto a *lively hope* by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (I PETER 1:3)

The above Scripture provides a number of valuable insights that we, as children of God, must learn and embrace for the successful life in Christ Jesus.

We are Begotten Again by God

God the Father has begotten us again, which means that we have been born a second time. This new birth is not a natural one; our spirit has been birthed by the Holy Spirit from Heaven. As a result, we are now new spirit beings living inside Christ. (II Corinthians 5:17) God became our loving Heavenly Father; we became His beloved children. (Romans 8:16) He is now the **Source** of everything we need to live and enjoy an abundant life on earth.

Christ's Resurrection—The Basis of our New Birth

Our new birth resulted from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Had He not been resurrected, we would not have been born again. His resurrection was significant. It was a *Humanly Impossible Act*. Our new birth from that act makes us new beings who believe in and experience things that are humanly Impossible, called **Miracles**. (II Corinthians 5:17) The Holy Spirit accomplished Christ's resurrection in the following manner: He released God's Supernatural Power, the Power worked inside Jesus' body, the results of the Power working was Christ's overcoming death. By this Supernatural Act, the Holy Spirit demonstrated that He is greater than death and all the things operating in the earth that can cause death. With our new birth, He now **dwells** inside our hearts. (I John 4:4) Raising Jesus from the dead was the **glory** of God. (Romans 6:4) We now live to experience God's glory. To experience God's glory, we must understand the things surrounding Christ's resurrection. First, Jesus' body was dead inside a grave having been crucified on Calvary's cross for us. (St Matthew 27:50) Second, His body could not come back to life and out of the grave by itself. It took the Power of the Holy Spirit to bring Him out. Most importantly, and this benefits us; before Christ's crucifixion and death, He received a **Word of Promise** from His Father that gave Him **Hope** of victory. He held on to this Promise through death.

Origin of Hope of Glory

The **Promise** of God made to Jesus produced **Hope** in Him. The Father had obligated Himself to raising Jesus up from the dead in three days. Because of that Promise, death could not and would not hold Jesus. He voluntarily submitted to His Father's *Will* knowing that victory was certain. Again, Jesus went through death **knowing**. Knowing was the key. We must embrace the same knowing for **victory** over the challenges that we must face. (II Corinthians 2:14) We do not give in to challenges when they come because they are not designed to last. Follow what Jesus knew: He knew that He had a loving Father/Son relationship that could not be broken. We have the same. (Romans 8:16-17) He knew that His Father could not lie when He Promised. He is the same today. (Numbers 23:19) Finally, He knew that His Father possessed the Power and love to raise Him up from death. The Power is the same today. Knowing this, there was absolutely no doubt or fear of death existing in Jesus. As Promised, victory came. We, too, should have no doubt of victory in challenge.