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It's Never too Late for a New Beginning

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In this new series, we are looking at the emphatic words, the commandments of Jesus.



The first one I chose to list in my last column was John 3:6,7, which I'll repeat here more fully:

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again'" (NKJ).

Jesus was explaining a brand new experience for humankind.

Everyone since Adam was born into a fallen race when the first couple obeyed the Tempter rather than their Creator. At that moment, they were tricked into turning their own dominion of Planet Earth over to God's arch-enemy Lucifer (aka Satan), the fallen Cherub, whose goal was to be "God" and usurp His throne.

Yet, instead of our Lord deciding to wipe out the initial disobedient human beings He had created and start over, He had fallen in love with us. The Great Romance had begun. He decided to save us.

Our Triune God had a war room meeting. Jesus, God's sinless only Son, offered to go to earth, be born as a baby, grow up, and become the perfect sacrifice for all humankind's sins. He would then offer us a new birth.

Then anyone who believed in and received Jesus, the Lamb of God, would have his or her original core sins removed and be born into the family of God. These people would become God's beachhead Kingdom on the fallen Planet Earth.

At the end of the Bible, we find that in the seventh millennia of mankind's biblical history, in Heaven the dark seals of bondage on earth's title deed – from earth's fall – are broken by Jesus. He is the only One who can do so. (Revelation, chapter 5)

The Apostle John, who was given a peek into Heaven, saw this scenario:

"Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and loose its seals?' And no one in Heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it ... "Then He [Jesus] came and took the scroll out of the hand of Him [the Father] who sat on the throne ... And they [angels and elders] sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll,

"And to open its seals;

"For You were slain,

"And have redeemed us to God by Your blood ... " (Revelation 5: 2 – 9 NKJ).

The action that seals our covenant with God is simply our invitation inviting the Savior into our life. This invitation can be given any time and any place, by you, or with others.

William Wilberforce in the book, "Amazing Grace," became like a different man and described it as "The Great Change."

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, said he had a "heart-warming experience."

The Apostle Paul describes his experience, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" – (II Corinthians 15:17).

One day while driving along the Bay Shore in Tampa, Florida after making a deeper commitment to Christ, I found, "The blue jays were a deeper color blue that day, the grass was greener, and the sunlight on the bay sparkled like thousands of diamonds."

Yes, I changed too. I became a great lover of Christ and the Bible, and care much more about other people. Not perfect, but forgiven, and I have hope for life after this one.

Take a moment to relax, breathe deeply and think about how much Jesus loves you. It's a Divine Romance with you and God.

In the next column, I'll tell you about Jesus' 2nd commandment. See you then.

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