

TEXT: John 3:1-8

TITLE: THE FLEET OF FAITH / SONSHIP

INTRODUCTION

“If only I could start over.” Have you ever made this statement? When a child is born it becomes a member of a family.

***Every person born into Sonship is received into the Family of God.**

Romans 8:14-16

“For as many as were led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”

T.S...To board the Sonship, you must walk the gangway of REPENTENCE and go through the door of FAITH.

I. SONSHIP REQUIRES A NEW BIRTH

***New Birth: “*Except a man be born again...*”**

EXPL...The word “Again” (another) had three meanings:

1. From the first – Luke 1:3

“It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus.”

2. Again, a second Time – Galatians 4:9

“But not, after ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again, to be in bondage?”

3. From above from 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.”

**ILL...This birth is not a lower birth but a higher birth
(From Above).**

T.S...” How can these things BE?”

II. SONSHIP AND THE NEW BIRTH ARE IMPERATIVE

***THE NEW BIRTH IS A NECESSITY:**

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.”

***THE NEW BIRTH IS A SPIRITUAL BIRTH:**

It is not a “Make-Over”. It is a new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

***THE NEW BIRTH IS BY THE WILL OF GOD:**

John 1:12-13

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

James 1:18

“Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.”

ILL...The Jews compelled Gentiles who wished to be converted to Judaism to be baptized; they would be

born in the water (symbolically) and this time born, not a Gentile, a Jew. This New Birth is not through the water but THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.

***THE NEW BIRTH IS MEDIATED BY JESUS CHRIST. John 3:13**

“And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.”

THROUGH HIS BLOOD: 1 Peter 1:18-19

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your father; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

THROUGH HIS RESURRECTION: 1 Peter 1:3

“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.”

1. He Came Down: John 1:14

“As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.”

2. He is Timeless: John 1:51

“And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

T.S...WELCOME ABOARD THE SONSHIP!

III. SONSHIP IS INHERENT WITH EVIDENCE

ILL...You speak the language of the people but there is something about your accent that suggests that “You’re not from around here.”

***NEW ATTITUDE: 1 John 5:4**

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

***NEW ACTIONS: 1 John 3:9**

“Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.”

(COMMIT) The tense denoted “HABIT” – or habitual practice.

1 John 1:8

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

We will not willfully make sin a way of life.

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

***NEW LOVE: 1 John 4:7**

“Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.”

T.S...EVERYTHING NEW JUST SMELLS GOOD!

IV. SONSHIP HAS A WONDERFUL FREEDOM

- *The Spirit is our Parent our Guide for the New Life.**
- *The Spirit fills the sails of our Life with His Power and directs our impulses to take the high road.**
- *The Spirit of God will always lead us in Not doing what we like but LIKING WHAT GOD IS DOING.**
- *The Spirit will stamp in your character a certain indefinable something that will suggest you're different.**
- *The Spirit of God will guide you in your New Life; The New Life is a Militant Freedom, However, we have already won in Him.**

CONCLUSION

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.”

Can you Hear the Heavenly Choir SINGING: GET ON BOARD?