

The New Birth Proof of God's Love

Many sincere, sober and serious Christians earnestly believe the world God so loves includes every human ever born (John 3:16).

Moreover, they also earnestly believe Christ was sent to save every human ever born through His propitiatory sacrifice (John 3:17).

However, when we compare the Apostle's testimony in John 3 with that of his testimony in 1 John 4 we discover the efficacious nature of God's love:

We (Christians) love God because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).

His love is all-powerful, changing the stony heart of the unbeliever into a heart of flesh which loves and obeys God.

The OT prophets testified to this very power:

And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live (Deuteronomy 30:6).

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26; 11:19).

Jesus describes this spiritual transaction as the new birth: being born again by the Spirit of God.

Jesus compares the new birth by the Spirit with the first birth in the flesh.

No man counseled with God as to the circumstances and details of his first fleshly birth.

God moved without man's permission or input.

The same is true of the spiritual birth.

The Spirit moves on whom He wills, when He wills.

Man can no more stop the moving of the Spirit than he can stop the moving of the wind.

This all-powerful miraculous work of God overcomes man's innate disdain and hatred of God as it efficaciously and irresistibly makes the sinner a new creation.

This loving, merciful, saving grace of God does not come to all people.

If it had, all would be saved.

For God's love does not fail to save.

Failure is not an option for our God who is infinitely wise, powerful and perfect.....with whom all things are possible.

But sadly, many serious, sober and sincere Christians find it no problem in believing God loves all mankind, Christ died for all mankind, yet fails to save all mankind.

Christ came to save the world.....the world that God so loved.

He declared success.

He lost none the Father loved (John 17:12).

Those whom God loves, He saves to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:25; John 13:1).