

John # 8

“Jesus Dropped In To Tell Us What Condition We’re In And To Fix It”

*John 1:14*

**‘Yet to all who did receive Him’ means in a non-meritorious or non-crediting manner by receiving an undeserved free-gift that we cannot work for.**

It means to receive something from a gracious Someone even though we are repulsive to Him

in our sins.

*So, it’s the character of the Giver, God the Father that’s in focus and the receiver is undeserving man who receives His Son, Jesus Christ by expressing faith alone in Christ alone by grace alone.*

**Being born into the family of God isn’t a temporary situation, it’s eternal; so once we’ve been born into the family of God, we’re always in the family because it’s something we receive by grace via a new birth.**

Our new birth has nothing to do with human plans; our salvation plan took place in eternity past.

*Today, the kingdom of God is a race of people on earth who are born into the family of God known as ‘the Church’ or ‘body of Christ’; it’s a spiritual kingdom comprised of all who personally believe in Jesus Christ.*

There’s no place in this kingdom for human succession, human good or any form of human planning; all human viewpoint need not apply.

**Jesus Christ has perfect glory and He couldn’t go to the cross in that condition as deity with eternal life because eternal life cannot die.**

The Lord Jesus Christ had to become a member of the human race to represent us exactly and die for our sins.

*As God, He cannot die but as the God-Man, He could go to the cross, so on the cross, it was His humanity that bore our sins.*

In eternity past, God the Father came up with a plan – operation grace in which the Father said, “I’ll do the providing” and salvation must be provided through a person, so the Son said, “I’ll go to the cross.” and the Holy Spirit said “I will reveal the cross as the search light pointing to the cross, showing men that the only way of salvation is through the cross.”

**Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.**

As it is with physical birth, so it is with spiritual birth; we don’t earn, deserve or work for anything.

**1st Pet 1:4,5 ‘and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil**

*or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.'*

**Titus 3:5** 'He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,'  
Salvation runs counter to human philosophy which states 'Man by man's efforts can solve man's problems.'

**In God's kingdom (family), there is no place for human planning, human good or human heredity.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 10:5** We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

**Rom 3:23** 'for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.'

*What we know of the glory of God, we know by seeing TLJC.*

We in the 21<sup>st</sup> century have a better view of the glory of TLJC than those who lived in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, although they saw Him face to face.

If you studied under a doctrinal pastor-teacher for 6 months, you have more biblical truth in your frame of reference than any of the disciples prior to the cross.