

THAT CHRIST BE FORMED IN YOU

(Gal 4:19 KJV) My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

1. BRINGING TO BIRTH.

1. ***Birth pains.*** (John 16:21 KJV) A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.
 1. The church is suffering birth pains.
 2. Travailing to bring forth Christ.
 1. The world is not looking for another personality.
 2. The world desires to see Jesus.
 3. (John 12:21 KJV) The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.
2. ***False birth pains.*** (Isa 26:17 KJV) Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD. (Isa 26:18 KJV) We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.
3. ***Expectation of the creation.*** (Rom 8:19 KJV) For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. (Rom 8:22 KJV) For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. (Rom 8:23 KJV) And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.
4. ***The Lord will bring it to pass.***
 1. (Isa 66:7 KJV) Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. (Isa 66:8 KJV) Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. (Isa 66:9 KJV) Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.
 2. (Hab 2:3 KJV) For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GIVE BIRTH TO CHRIST?

1. Manifesting the life of Jesus.
2. Bringing forth the Christ nature.
3. Producing the fruit of the Christ life.
 1. Is this the way Jesus would act; respond; talk, walk?
 2. What would Jesus do in a situation like this?

4. ***You shall know them by the fruit they bear.***
 1. Are we bearing fruit of the spirit, or fruit of the flesh?
 2. By this shall all men know you're my disciples--have love for one another.
 3. Know have passed from death unto life--love for brethren.

3. PRODUCING THE WORKS OF THE FLESH.
 1. ***The works of the flesh bring forth trouble.*** (Gal 4:28 KJV) Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. (Gal 4:29 KJV) But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.
 2. ***The works of the flesh brings forth death.*** To be carnally-minded is death.
 3. ***In your patience possess your soul.***
 1. (Luke 21:19 KJV) In your patience possess ye your souls.
 2. (Prov 25:28 KJV) He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.
 4. ***Fulfilling the desires of the flesh stifles spiritual growth.***
 1. Learn to control activities of the flesh.
 2. Learn to control appetites of the flesh.

4. FRUIT ALWAYS BEGINS WITH SEED--SMALL BEGINNINGS.
 1. We don't become reprobates overnight.
 1. Reprobate signifies A not standing the test; rejected.@
 2. Reprobate mind.
 1. A mind of which God cannot approve, which must be rejected of Him.
 2. The effect of refusing to have God in our knowledge.
 3. (Rom 1:28 KJV) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
 4. (2 Th 2:8 KJV) And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: (2 Th 2:9 KJV) Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, (2 Th 2:10 KJV) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (2 Th 2:11 KJV) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: (2 Th 2:12 KJV) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
 3. Men whose moral sense is perverted.
 4. If they are put to the test in regard to any good work (in contrast to their own profession) they can only be rejected.
 2. Must deal with small root beginnings.
 1. Little foxes which spoil the vines.

2. Give no place to the devil.
 3. No one starts out to be an alcoholic; drug addict; prostitute.
 4. Just one little bit; just this one time.
 3. ***Our love for our Lord doesn't grow cold overnight.***
 1. Allow things to hinder us from things of God.
 2. Busy with the things of the world and the flesh.
 4. ***Our love for our spouses doesn't grow cold overnight.***
 1. Take one another for granted (they will always be there).
 2. Neglect opens door for Satan to bring disillusionments.
 3. Open door for sexual sins by fantasizing, fostered by improper exposure.
 5. ***Must guard what is channeled into our minds, which will eventually get into our spirits.***
 6. ***A corrupted spirit will corrupt our souls, and eventually our bodies.***
 1. (1 Cor 15:33 KJV) Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.
 2. Improper relationships can make you physically sick.
 1. Harboring resentment and bitterness.
 2. Unforgiveness.
5. NEITHER DO WE BECOME SPIRITUAL GIANTS OVERNIGHT.
1. We are to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.
 1. (Eph 4:15 KJV) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
 2. (1 Pet 2:2 KJV) As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
 3. (2 Pet 3:18 KJV) But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.
 2. ***Growing is a process.***
 1. (Isa 28:9 KJV) Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.
 2. (Isa 28:10 KJV) For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:
 3. ***A good harvest begins with proper seed.***
 1. Everything produces after its own kind. (Gen 1:11 KJV) And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. (Gen 1:12 KJV) And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
 1. Sow to the flesh; reap corruption.
 2. Sow to the spirit, reap life.
 3. The apple tree doesn't struggle to produce apples.

2. Therefore, the Holy Spirit within us should not have to struggle to produce the life of God.
 1. (John 15:4 KJV) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
 2. (John 15:5 KJV) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
3. We are born of the incorruptible seed of Christ. (1 Pet 1:23 KJV) Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
4. Received engrafted Word of God. (James 1:21 KJV) Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
4. ***Must water and cultivate the seed.***
 1. Improper care can abort the crop.
 2. Must be proper cultivation and care, including proper pruning (cutting dead, unproductive limbs off), watering, fertilizing, and keeping aliens out.
5. ***Insects can destroy.***
6. THE INWORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, OR NATURE OF CHRIST.