

Scripture Consulting Essentials

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The Family of God

People need every word that proceeds from the mouth of God in order to live, and being born of spirit is a must. These are two very important essentials for life. Without God's Word, we would not know what His Son Jesus Christ has done for us, nor would we know what we have in Christ today. Without the spirit born within us, we would not be able to manifest the power of God.

From God's Word, we have learned that Adam brought sin, condemnation, and death into the world and that everyone has sinned and come short of the glory of God. However, those who believe in Jesus Christ are justified. We have been freed from sin. We have forgiveness of sins so that we stand in God's presence without any sin, condemnation, or guilt. From God's Word, we have learned about the new birth and the gift of holy spirit that is received by confessing the Lord Jesus and believing that God raised him from the dead. The proof of the spirit born within a person is speaking in tongues. These spiritual realities are part of what we have in Christ as a result of his accomplishments on our behalf.

I John 3:1 and 2.

Those who are born of God are children of God. Verse 2 says "now are we the sons of God," where the Greek word translated "sons" means "children." It is not gender specific. When we confessed Jesus as lord and believed that God raised him from the dead, we became children of God. Being a child of God is not something we must wait for. We are children of God NOW.

Being a child of God is not something we have to work for. Jesus Christ did the works, and by believing in him, we became children of God, born of God with new spirit life. Being a child of God is not something we can lose because it is incorruptible seed born within us – eternal life.

I John 5:4 and 5.

Those who are born of God have overcome the world. We should believe what God says about us.

I Corinthians 12:1.

The word "*gifts*" in verse 1 is in italic type because it is a word added in translation to the Authorized King James Version. The Greek word translated "spiritual" in verse 1 is an adjective used substantively, and it is used there to refer to spiritual matters or spiritual things. God does not want His children to be ignorant of spiritual matters.

I Corinthians 12:1-7.

The spiritual matters include gifts, services, operations, and manifestations of the spirit, as stated in verses 4-7. These are all spiritual matters, and God does not want His family to be ignorant of these spiritual matters.

All Scripture is profitable and the manifestation of the spirit is given to each person who has received holy spirit for profit.

I Corinthians 12:8-11.

These are not gifts. They are manifestations of the gift of holy spirit born in each person. All of these manifestations of the gift of holy spirit are “by the same spirit.” They work from “the one and the same spirit” born within each person. Not every person may will to operate all of these manifestations, but they are abilities by the new birth, and these manifestations of holy spirit are accessible to each one.

John 14:12:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

I Corinthians 14:1-5.

Speaking in tongues in our private prayer life is essential to the edification of the spirit born within us. Interpretation of tongues and prophecy are essential for the edification of the church. All nine manifestations of holy spirit are essential to our walk with and for God. Each born-again child of God has those abilities.

People may lose their ability to see or hear or walk in the physical realm, but the spirit born within is incorruptible, and they cannot lose any of those abilities. People may choose to not use their abilities, but that does not negate their reality. It is up to the individual person to actualize them in his or her walk with God.

Romans 8:14-17.

The Greek word translated “adoption” in verse 15 may also be translated “sonship.” We are children of God by birth, by spirit born within us, not by adoption. The Greek word translated “sons” in verse 14 is gender specific, meaning “sons.” It is used in this context to refer to all people who are born of spirit whether they are men or women.

In verses 16 and 17, the Greek word meaning “children” is used. The Scriptures speak of those who are born of spirit as “sons of God” and as “children of God” regardless of what we may be in our body and soul. Since we are sons of God or children of God, then we are also heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ according to verse 17. Speaking in tongues is the evidence in the natural realm of these spiritual realities.

Romans 8:28-39.

Verse 29 tells us that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the firstborn among many brothers. We are born-again sons of God and brothers of Jesus Christ.

Verse 31 says, “If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?” God and His Son Jesus Christ have loved us and have done so much for us to make us children of God. We who are born of God have overcome the world. We should believe what God says about us.

Verse 32 says that God freely gives us all things. Philippians 4:19 says that “God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” I Timothy 6:17 says to trust “in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.” What God freely and richly gives us is for our enjoyment.

Ephesians 1:3.

Those who are children of God have been blessed by God with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly realm in Christ.

Colossians 2:10.

We are complete in Christ. There is no lack. Rather than looking at the troubles, despair, confusion, and frustration in this world, we should stay focused on what we are and what we have in Christ as children of God.

Colossians 1:12-14.

We are partakers of the inheritance of the saints. God has delivered us from the power of darkness. Legally, we are no longer under that control. Our sins are forgiven. We have been translated, or transferred, into the kingdom of God’s dear Son by being born of spirit. Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God in that kingdom, and we have become part of that heavenly kingdom of God and His dear Son. This is all part of the gospel pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 2:4-7.

We have been made alive with Christ. We have been raised up together with him. We have been seated together in the heavenly realm in him. We have been delivered from the power of darkness and transferred into the heavenly kingdom where we are seated in Christ Jesus. What a privilege and honor to be seated with him! God did all these things for us in order to show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us.

Psalm 103:19-21:

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Today, Jesus Christ is seated at God’s right hand in that kingdom. Born-again sons of God have been transferred into that kingdom and seated there in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 1:12-14.

When we heard the Word of truth, God’s Word, the gospel of God concerning Jesus Christ as it related to our salvation, then we believed in Jesus Christ. As a result, we were sealed with the holy spirit of promise. We were born of that spirit and became children of God with all the authorities, rights, privileges, honors, and abilities bestowed upon us. In addition, the holy spirit born within us is the earnest, which is the token or guarantee, of our inheritance to come.

Verses 15-19.

God wants us to know the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe. God is our Father. We are His family. He takes care of His family.

We have been redeemed and justified. We are blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly realm. We are children of God. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. God freely and richly gives us all things for our enjoyment. Nothing can separate us from His love. We have been delivered from the power of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of God and His Son. We are complete in Christ. We have nine manifestations of holy spirit that are part of our new birth. God is our Father, and we are His children. We belong to the family of God.