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Foreword

I trust and pray that all who read these thoughts that God put in my mind within minutes will be a blessing to all who seek to walk with Him.

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I believe what I am about to write was a revelation from God. It took place several years ago while I was trying to deliver lambs from a ewe, on our farm at 2 o'clock one morning. The thoughts came to mind within minutes and I believe when thoughts come tumbling to my mind quicker than I have the ability to think them, they are a revelation from God.

I had to assist because my hand was smaller than my husband Eric's, and this ewe couldn't deliver her lambs because the lambs were trying to come into the world the wrong way around. While I was on my knees behind the ewe God brought to my mind the similarities between physical and spiritual birth.

I'm sure you already know that God tells us in His Word that when our ancestors Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden they sinned by eating the forbidden fruit. But in case you don't know, let me explain, because this information is necessary for you to understand the meaning behind the thoughts that came to my mind on that night.

At the beginning of time after God created this earth, He created Adam from the dust of the ground, **Genesis 2v7 The Lord formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul.** God created Adam's wife Eve from a rib in Adam's side **Genesis 2vs.21&22, So the Lord caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.** God put everything He had created in their control but He gave them one condition, He told them they were not allowed to eat of one tree. **Genesis 2**

v's15 & 16, The Lord took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

But because Adam and Eve disobeyed God they were not only condemned to physical death, they died spiritually. Their relationship with God, their Creator was broken, and now because all human beings are descendants of Adam and Eve, the Word of God tells us that we too are spiritually dead because we are all born in sin.

1John 1v8, If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

In Romans 3v23 we are told, **"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."**

Romans 3v10 "There is no-one righteous, no not one; there is no-one who understands, no-one who seeks God"

But thankfully there is also good news, God tells us in **Romans 6v23, "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.** We need to note the gift of eternal life mentioned in this verse is like any gift; it will never be ours unless we acknowledge our need and accept it.

We will all receive the wages we deserve when we die. Sinners who do not repent and put their trust in Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, the One who died to take our punishment upon Himself will spend eternity in a place of torment called Hell. But, if we sincerely repent of our sin and put our trust in Jesus Christ, God will forgive us, cleanse us of sin, give us new life in Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit to live within our souls.

1 Peter 1v3&4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. But Jesus also spoke of hell in Matthew 25 v41, Then he (God) will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”

We read in John’s gospel chapter 3 that Jesus told Nicodemus three times, **“You must be born again.”** I believe Jesus repeated this truth three times because He knew that Nicodemus was spiritually dead, like his forbearers Adam and Eve and he was finding it difficult to understand what Jesus was saying to him. But Jesus wanted to let Nicodemus know how he could now have “eternal life” through trusting in Him rather than going to a place of separation and punishment when he died.

John 3vs. 16 & 17 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Thankfully this good news wasn’t only for Nicodemus, it is for everyone who would believe what Jesus said and put their trust in Him.

Now in our byre, this lamb that was due to be born was like many human beings, it was trying “to be born” but it was coming the wrong way around.

Many people think that by living a good life, by going to church, being baptised, taking communion, giving to charity, not doing anybody any harm, God will accept them.

But the Son of God, the Lord Jesus said in **John3v7**, “**You must be born again.**”

Isaiah 64v6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.

Romans 3v23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Paul said in Ephesians the people were **dead in their transgressions and sins** before they trusted in Jesus as Saviour. **Ephesians 2vs1&2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of the world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.**

Because, we like Adam, Eve and the Ephesians, are spiritually dead we need to acknowledge our need of forgiveness by trusting in the Lord Jesus because He came to earth to become our Saviour. He took our sin upon Himself. If we trust in what He did for us on Calvary's Tree we will then receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life within our souls. We will be born again.

Some lambs are born without any assistance, they are like many people who accept God's Word without question, they recognise their need and they put their trust in the Lord Jesus and are immediately accepted by God even though they may be very young.

When this lamb was born it was slimy and messy. Almost immediately the ewe got to her feet and began to lick and lick the lamb until it was clean. When we are Born Again by putting our trust in Jesus, He cleanses us of all sin. **Hebrews 8v12 For I**

will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.

The new born lamb then tries to get to its feet, it can stumble and fall over but it keeps trying because it needs to get milk from its mother. Without this milk the lamb will die. When we put our trust in Jesus Christ we too can stumble and fall, we are only babies, we are weak; we need to be spiritually fed. We are advised to partake of the Word of God. **1 Peter 3v's 2&3 "Like new born babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good."**

The ewe and the lamb now start to bleat to each other. This communication between the ewe and the lamb is like the believer's communication with God through prayer. When the lamb gets older and it is surrounded by other sheep it can get separated from its mother, but the ewe and lamb will always know each other by their bleat. We need to build our relationship with God by studying His Word and by speaking to Him daily in prayer. When we put our trust in Jesus, God adopts us into His family and He becomes our Heavenly Father.

Ephesians 1vs.4&5 For He (God) chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.

I think it is worthy of note that when a baby starts to speak, its parents are always excited. The words may not be said correctly, but the parent encourages the child to keep trying to speak until they can clearly say the thoughts that are on their mind. So it is with God, He wants us to make our wants and wishes known.

Philippians 4v6&7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God which transcends all understanding.

So, we need to remember God wants us to speak to Him as children to their father. It is wonderful to know that God is only ever a prayer away.

When the lamb is born it's birth is recorded. It will never be a goat, a calf, or a pig. So it is with you and me, if we admit our spiritual need and ask God to forgive us we then receive Jesus as our Saviour. It is worth noting that our names will be written in the "Lamb's book of life." We are now children of God.

Revelation 21v27 Nothing impure will ever enter it (heaven), nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Luke 5v's 31&32 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

When Jesus was speaking to the disciples after His resurrection, we read in **Luke 24v's 46-49** He told them, **"This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations beginning at Jerusalem.**

Luke wrote in **Acts 20 v 21** **Now, I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 26v20 "I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds."**

Peter said in **2Peter 3v9** **"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."**

I pray that everyone reading what I believe God brought to my mind, will also like me, repent and put their trust in the Lord

Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, the One who wants to be our Saviour and friend.

We read in **Romans 3v's 10-12** As it is written: **“There is no-one righteous, not even one; there is no-one who understands, no-one who seeks God. All have turned away; they have together become worthless; there is no-one who does good, not even one.”**

I believe no-one will want to hear God on judgement day, say the words, **“Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”** Matthew 26v41.

PLEASE, PLEASE NOTE, Jesus said, **“The thief (the devil) comes to kill, steal and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”** John 10v10

God tells us in, **Isaiah 1v18**. **“Come now and let us reason together, says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”**

Philippians 4v's 6&7 **“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God and the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”**

Because God loves us, He wants to forgive us, and give us the assurance of eternal life. As I have already mentioned, God says in His Word ***“though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow.”*** Regardless of who we are, or what we have done, if, we sincerely repent and trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and turn from sin, God will forgive us and the Holy Spirit will be our guide.

A Sincere Word Of Thanks

I want to thank you, my Heavenly Father
For sending Jesus to die for me
He gave His life on Calvary's mountain
To bear my sin and set me free.
I want to thank Him, I want to praise Him
I want to love Him more each day
Jesus, God's Son became my Saviour
He is the life the truth, the way.

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This is a clear presentation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have been born into a beautiful world, but in order to get to Heaven, we must be born spiritually or born again. I trust as you read this, you may come to understand the truth of the Gospel, and see the necessity to acknowledge your sin, allowing Christ to forgive you and save you as you call upon Him. May you come to trust in Christ alone, and all that He has accomplished for you on Calvary's Cross.

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