

The New Birth: Resting in the Holy Ghost

Acts 2:37-39

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Luke 11:13

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: *how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

The new birth is simple.

Whenever we read of the Holy Spirit baptism in the book of Acts, it is simple. People believed God and God filled them with His Spirit. Yet every Christian has probably wrestled with questions about their relationship to God: am I saved? Have I been filled with the Holy Spirit, etc.

In this study, I want to emphasize that the new birth is a supernatural experience, which makes it impossible for us to define in its specifics. When we focus on a having a particular experience, receiving a certain revelation, or attaining a level of perfection in our Christian life, we unintentionally start seeking something else than Christ. Without realizing it, we may have begun to seek God by works instead of faith, and as soon as we do that, we lose our rest and peace (see quotes below: “the Christian faith is built solidly upon rest”). Our works always hinder the move of God in our lives.

God is sovereign and will meet each individual as He chooses. In the Church Age Book, Bro. Branham attempts to make himself very clear on what the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is and what it isn't. He points us back to the scriptures and focuses on the promise that after you believe, God will baptize us with His Spirit. We believe on Him, continue to believe on Him and at some point, He will fulfill His promise. And the duration of that experience, from beginning to baptism with the Spirit, is to God—who is outside of time!—all one experience. I believe that the devil wants to divorce us from our experience of God, and Satan does all he can to get us to see our experience with God as something in the past that is no longer part of the present. But God will never leave us or forsake us.

The Christian life is built entirely upon rest.

WHY.ARE.PEOPLE.SO.TOSSED.ABOUT_ JEFF.IN V-2 N-14 SUNDAY_ 56-0101

10-1 I was saying somewhere, maybe here a few nights ago, I wanted to preach so bad, I preached to my wife in bed till twelve o'clock, just telling her of how glorious Jesus was. A text come in my heart. It kept burning me so great till I just couldn't rest with it. And I just said, "Honey, I want to preach to you a little while." And she roused up; by grace she listened.

I said, "**The Christian faith is based solidly upon rest.** That's right. A Christian is not tossed about. A Christian doesn't run from place to place. **A Christian doesn't fuss, and fume, and worry about things. A Christian rests. It's all over. It's all finished for the believer at Calvary.** That's right. Oh, sickness may come and disappointments; but the Christian's at rest knowing this, that God's able to keep that which He has performed, knowing that no matter what the thing is, or

how it looks, there's neither sickness, sorrow, death; there's neither starvation or anything that can separate us from the love of God that's in Jesus Christ. We're at rest. Just let the old ship toss any way she wants to; the anchor holds.

INSPIRATION_ OWENSBORO.KY SATURDAY_ 56-0128

E-45 The other night the Lord give me a message on resting. **The whole Christian principle is based upon rest.** I woke up about ten o'clock in the night. I didn't have no audience to preach to, and so I just, well, I went over and woke up my wife and preached to her till one o'clock in the morning about resting: good audience. **But I was burning in my heart, resting. I said, "Why are we troubled? 'Let not your hearts be troubled,' He said. We're just resting. 'Come to Me and ye shall find rest.** Take My yoke upon you, learn of Me,' finding rest."

Then, while... I said when you once come to Christ, once believe Him, once accept Him, enter into the rest, all the things of the world seems to die away. You've got rest then, rest to your soul. And you enter into that state, and there you are. You're resting then with Christ.

Bro. Branham: the baptism of the Holy Ghost is part of being born again.

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Now before we leave this subject I want to make myself very clear on what the Baptism with the Holy Ghost is according to the Word. It is not according to me, and it is not according to you. It has to be according to "Thus saith the Lord," or we are falsely led. Amen.

144-3 To begin with you will notice that in my meetings when I have finished preaching an evangelistic service, or some teaching message, I cast the net and invite a response from the people. I ask them to come forward and receive the Holy Spirit. My Pentecostal friends, upon hearing me say this believe that I am inviting people to come forward to be baptized with the Holy Ghost because they are already born again. So when I invite those who are Spirit-filled to come and deal with those who have answered the invitation to receive the Spirit, these dear ones surge forward and deal with the people in such manner as to encourage them to yield to God and believe to speak in tongues. This has caused a great deal of confusion and I want to tell you exactly what I mean. I mean for the sinner to come forward and be born again, which is to be baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Ghost which is exactly what took place at Pentecost when the church was launched. In other words, to be born of the Spirit is to be truly baptized with the Holy Ghost. It is one and the same.

145-1 Now here is my point. Too many of our modernists and even our fundamentalists (so-called) believe unto salvation at a certain specific time which in many cases is called "making a decision," and that has been called receiving Christ or being born again. Now to receive Christ is to receive His Spirit. To receive His Spirit is to be born again. To receive His Spirit is to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Amen. These folks believe. That is wonderful. But they stop there. You receive the Holy Ghost AFTER you believe. It has always been that way and always will be. The very first word of direction to the people was by Peter at Pentecost and he said,

"Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost,

For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." These directions came as a direct answer from Peter relative to what had actually happened at Pentecost. What came to pass was that God according to Joel was pouring out the promised Holy Spirit upon all flesh. He was not poured out before that time or given before that time. This was it. But THIS was to come from now on by repenting, being baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then God was duty bound to fill the ones who came. Peter, or any of the apostles never said, "Ye must be born again, and then filled with the Spirit."

To us who like to approach the promise with a checklist mentality (I've repented, I've been baptized, now I'm ready for the Spirit), God is sovereign and will fulfill His Word to fill the believer in His time.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN SATURDAY_ 54-0515

167-111 Now, notice, the Holy Spirit come back there. The Pentecostal people waited, "And there--suddenly there came a sound from heaven like a rushing mighty wind, filled the house where they were sitting." Not one time did they ever have to wait after that. While Peter spake these Words to the Gentiles, the Holy Ghost fell on them, even before they was baptized. Is that right? While... Acts 10:49:

But while Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on... them which heard the word.

And they of the circumcision... and many as come with Peter was astonished because... on the Gentiles... was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God, Then said Peter,

Can a man forbid water, seeing that these must... has received the Holy Ghost like we did in the beginning?

And he tarried and bap--commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

(That's right; no waiting, no tarrying.)...

167-113 **The apostolic way, God had no set rule: When the heart's hungry He'll give you what you're hungering for. If you want the Holy Ghost, It can fall on you right now.**

Peter, when he went down to preach... Peter had the keys to the Kingdom. (I've got a question to get to that in a few minutes.) He had the keys to the Kingdom. He opened it up to this house of Cornelius. He opened it up down to the Samaritans; he opened it up over here. But remember that Philip had went down there, and preached to them, and had baptized them in the Name of Jesus Christ; and Peter came down and laid hands on them. And now, he done something for that sorcerer down there. They had Simon the sorcerer, said, "I'll give you some money to give me that gift, that whoever I lay my hands upon receives the Holy Ghost." Is that right? Something happened. (Not some of these archbishops with their collar turned around in the back, come around and lay hands on them, said, "I give you the apostolic blessing.") Something happened when Peter laid his hands on them, and when they do yet. I've seen them just fall like flies like that, as the Holy Spirit strikes them by laying on of hands. Yes, that is the--the apostolic doctrine of laying on hands. God bless you. If you're a little different from that, just write me a note tomorrow night. All right.

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

- ➔ You're blessed just because you're desiring the blessing! This testifies to the truth that you couldn't have a deep desire for something that didn't exist. The desire testifies that there is something to fulfill it!
- ➔ When we seek God "in desperations", it doesn't mean we're in the depths of despair. Despair carries a negative meaning. Desperation doesn't mean despairing: it means we have an acute need and hunger to God and that we're looking to Him in faith!

Satan uses confusion about the new birth experience to rob us of the blessings of what God has *already done for us*.

John 3:8

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

The spiritual nature of the new birth makes particulars difficult to pin down. Leave it that way, and let God be God.

WHO.IS.THIS_ CLARKSVILLE.IN SUNDAY_ 59-1004M

E-42 Now, that was His Message. That's what He said, that it must be done. That's what we've got to do, is to make a decision. What will we do with It? It's here. Who is It? What is It? It's a promise of God by His Word that He'd do it. God promised He would do it, and we see it being done.

Now, it's up to us to make a decision: Will we serve? Will we understand? You say, "How will I be able, brother, to understand things that I know nothing about?"

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be borned again, he cannot see or understand the Kingdom of heaven." Said, "The wind blows where it list--listeth, and thou cannot tell from whence it come or whither it goes (which a way it come from or where it's going, or where it's been); so is everyone that's borned of the Spirit." **You don't know where it comes from, where it's been, or where it's going. But you know one thing, where it's going to take you. Wherever It come from, It'll take you back with It.**

PERFECT.FAITH_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY_ 63-0825E

60 Now, if the world's turning and he holds it up, and the sun stayed in a place and it don't run, what happened then? Now, you made yourself an infidel, if you say of this; and then if you don't, you sure do fool with science, 'cause they said if the world stopped, it dropped. So now what? And if you say God's Word is not right, then you're an infidel. See? But it happened, that's the main thing. I don't know the mechanics of it, but it happened!

61 **I don't know the mechanics of the Holy Ghost, but I know It fell on me.** I--I can't tell the mechanics of It, but I know the blessings of It. That--that's all I--I care to know about, is the blessings of the Holy Ghost. **And mechanics, He works them. That's His secret.**

➔ Sometimes we get so focused on trying to figure out the particular of our own experience that we miss the forest for the trees. None of us worried about the question of whether or not we were physically born, or when that natural birth actually happened. There is abundant proof that we ARE alive ... we're not concerned about the details. In fact, an obsession on proving to ourselves that we are actually born would actually hinder part of our life experience!

I John 5:7

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

LEADERSHIP_ COVINA.CA V-7 N-7 TUESDAY_ 65-1207

202 He comes in three names, as God. Three (like Father, Son, and Holy Ghost), same God, it's three attributes.

203 Now then, also, justification, sanctification....; Luther, Martin, and--and the--and the Pentecostal; same thing: three attributes, three stations, three church ages.

204 **Same thing: water, blood, and spirit. Oh, just as you go along, the three elements that takes you back into the body. Like it brings you from your natural birth, types your spiritual birth. The baby's born, the first thing's water, next blood, and then life. **That's the way you come into the Kingdom of God, the same way.**** See? That's the way the Church comes in, the same way. Same thing. Now notice on these three things, God has formed His... forming His body.

Testimony of man who thought he couldn't be saved, when in reality the devil just had him confused!

THE.WORD.BECAME.FLESH.INDIA.TRIP.REPORT_ JEFF.IN V-26 N-5 SUNDAY_ 54-1003M

190 A man sat on my porch, and he said, "Brother Branham, I was once a businessman. And I've spent years trying to get saved." And telling me all of his troubles. Said his wife went down and got the Spirit. And she couldn't... He couldn't get the Spirit.

I said, "What do you mean, brother?" And he told me where he was from, and expressed himself. He said... I said, "You're trying to get saved?"

He said, "Yes. I'm trying to get saved."

And I said, "The Lord wants..."

Said, "I believe I've crossed the line, Brother Branham, where you can't get saved."

I said, "Oh, I don't know."

193 He said, "Look, I went to Billy Graham's meetings, a great, famous preacher." And he is a wonderful man of God, doing a great work for God. And he said, "I went to his meetings, and he told, 'All that wants to be saved, raise up your hands.'" And said, "I raised my hand up, and went into an inquiry room." Said, "Then they told me, back there, I had to accept Jesus."

And said, "I got down and prayed. And he told me, 'Now, do you believe in Jesus Christ?' I said, 'Yes,' said, 'I accept Him as personal Saviour.' Said, he said, 'Now, you're saved.'" Said, "Nothing happened to me."

Said, "I went then for a couple of years, and I found the Free Methodist people, who said I had to get happy enough to shout." And he said, "They prayed over me, and everything, till I got happy enough to shout." Said, "They said, 'Now you got it. You got sanctification.'" Said, "I went out." And said, "I was searching for all I could." Said, "I still didn't have it."

195 Said, "I went to Brother Roberts' meetings, Oral Roberts." He said, "They went into the room and told me I had to receive the Holy Ghost, and I had to speak with tongues or I didn't have it." Said, "I went back in there, and they got... prayed over me, and--and told me to talk to the Lord." And--and said, "I--I spoke with tongues."

He said, "Brother Branham, I still ain't got it." He said, "I don't know what to do."

I said, "Now, my brother..."

He said, "I've been down to Shreveport, 'The Voice Of Healing,' and they told me that you was a prophet, to come up here and you'd be able to reveal to me, when the Spirit come on you, what was my trouble."

I said, "Brother, you don't have to be a prophet to do that. The Word of God settles that." I said, "It don't need prophecy."

199 **I said, "My brother, the only thing, you're just confused."** I said, "I want to ask you something. Did you always love the Lord Jesus?"

He said, "Well, I--I belonged to the Presbyterian church," but said, "I just went there."

I said, "Well, I want to ask you. What happened, what taken place, that you changed your mind all at once?"

He said, "Well, my wife, she went down to the Pentecostals," and said, "she got the Spirit." And said, "Then she come back up, and," said, "she was happy." And said...

I said, "What did you think about that? Did you criticize it?"

He said, "No." He said, "I just thought, 'Well, I will see how it lasts.'" And said, "It went on." Said, "She seemed to have it."

204 And he said, "One day, I was coming in from making a sale out in the yard, and I happened to reach in my pocket, and somebody had give me a little old tract." And said, "I sit down in the office and begin to read this tract." And said, "The awfulest feeling come over me, that I ought to get right with God." He said, "I've been searching ever since."

I said, "I want to ask you something? When this feeling come over you, you've never been able to get out of it?"

He said, "No, sir, I haven't."

I said, "Well, that's when you received Christ." I said, "It doesn't mean raising up your hands. That's all right. Speaking in tongues, that's all right." And I said, "Shouting, that's all right. But that's the attributes of Christ after He come in." I said, "To receive Christ is to receive the Person, Christ Jesus, to receive Him is Life." I said, "Shouting, speaking in tongues, and all demonstrations," I said, "that is attributes that follows This. But first, is to receive Christ."

207 He said, "Then, Brother Branham, I've been saved all the time?"

I said, "Sure. Look," I said, "Do you love Him?"

He said, "With all my heart."

I said, "One time you didn't love Him."

He said, "That's right."

"And now you love Him?"

He said, "Well, that's the truth."

"Well, you had Him all the time."

And he jumped off the porch, and begin crying, and holding me in his arms, and said, "O God, I've been a Christian all these years."

You see, the thing of it was, he wasn't straightened out in the beginning. Hallelujah.

Each Christian's experience can be different.

II Corinthians 10:12

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

God is a God of variety.

THINGS.THAT.ARE.TO.BE_ RIALTO.CA V-4 N-6 SUNDAY_ 65-1205

45 Jesus has gone to make ready our coming there. Now notice. "In My Father's House is many mansions." Or, let us...

I don't mean to add to the Word, or take from It, because we're not to do that. Revelations 22 said, "Whoever will add a word, or take a Word out of It." But let me just make this, as not an additive, but just to--to bring out a point.

"In My Father's House is many kinds of mansions." I don't believe that when we get to Heaven that we will be, just everybody look just exactly alike. I don't believe that--that all will be blondes, or brunettes, or--or little, or--or all big, or--or all giants.

I believe that God is a God of variety. The world proves that. He's got big mountains and little mountains. He's got plains. He's got deserts. He's got different things, because He made it the way He wanted it. And He made the seasons; summer, winter, spring, autumn. He made the seasons. It shows **He's a God of variety. He made you in a variety. Some men are real blusterous; and some are real dogmatic; and others are fine; others are kind. And you just find all different kinds of people, and in His Kingdom. See?**

46 Look at Saint Peter, and judge him by Andrew. See? Andrew is that prayer warrior, just stayed on his knees all the time. And the apostle Peter was one of those firebrands that preached, and--and so forth. And Paul was more scholarly-like, more of the... like the prophet, or something, and set back.

47 And, see, Moses wrote the first four Books of the Old. Which, he wrote the Old Testament. The rest of it was the laws, and kings, and psalms, and so forth, and what someone wrote of the prophets. But Moses wrote the laws, the first four Books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy.

48 And then Paul wrote the New Testament. That's true. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote the acts of what taken place, and so forth. But Paul separated law and grace, and put it into its place. See? He was the writer of the New Testament. He gave us the writings of the New Testament, setting the Word of God in order.

Now notice, many, "many mansions," many kinds of mansions.

The important thing is that the Holy Spirit works in your life. Leave the how up to Him!

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Now you can begin to see why tongues is not the evidence of being baptized with the Holy Ghost. It doesn't say in any age that "he that hath a tongue let him say what the Spirit is saying." That puts tongues, interpretation thereof, and prophecy, etc. aside as an evidence. The evidence is HEARING what the Spirit says. The Spirit is talking. Yes, the Spirit is teaching. That is exactly what Jesus said He would do when He came.

John 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Revelation 2:7

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches...

Matthew 13:16, contra. 13:36 (The disciples didn't understand everything, but they did see their was something to be seen.)

¹⁶But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

³⁶Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

Don't impersonate someone else's experience.

147-2 SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

What is it that caused this misunderstanding? The answer is, "EXPERIENCE". We have gone by experience and not the Word. Away with experience as your measuring line. There is only one plumb line, only one rod, and that is the WORD. Now watch carefully and get this. Peter said, "Repent and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Paul said, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost SINCE ye believed?" This is the whole of our problem right here. People repent of their sins, they get baptized in water, BUT THEY DON'T GO ON AND RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST. YOU BELIEVE UNTO RECEIVING THE SPIRIT.

Believing on Jesus is the step in the right direction which is toward the Holy Ghost. But the people stop there. They go as far as water and then stop. They believe, and then stop. The Bible does not say that you receive WHEN you believe. It is, "Have you received the Holy Ghost SINCE you believed?" The exact and literal translation is: "Did ye, having previously believed, receive the Holy Ghost?" The people believe and then stop. You don't receive the Holy Ghost when you believe UNTO Him, having repented. You go on and receive the Holy Ghost. Do you see it? That is what is wrong with our fundamentalists. They have no power for they stop short of Pentecost.

When we impersonate someone else's experience (or revelation) we are pushing ourselves into something that is a sovereign work of God. Our well-intended efforts can thus work to frustrate the work of God!

Galatians 2:20-21

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

AND.WHEN.THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED.THEY.KNEW.HIM_ TAMPA.FL THURSDAY_ 64-0416

212 Now you just believe with all your heart. Don't doubt. Don't doubt. Just have faith in God. Let's start looking on this side over here somewhere. Somebody just look. You'll have to stand around there, all kinds of belief. **Don't press at it; see, you jump over the top of it.** It's so. It's like a part of you. See? Just relax yourself, and say, "Well, sure, that's the Word. I believe It. That little, old fellow up there doesn't know me. But I know Jesus. He's told the Truth about the Word, and I believe it." Just do it like that, say, "I'm sick and needy, and I have need." I can't heal you, and this don't heal, but it only identifies.

A.GREATER.THAN.SOLOMON.IS.HERE.NOW_ DALLAS.TX V-19 N-10 FRIDAY_ 64-0306

199 **Your faith is unconscious. Don't press now, or jump. You jump away from it. It's right with you. Just relax yourself and believe. Just believe now, have faith.** [A brother in the congregation, gives an exhortation--Ed.] Amen. **And be reverent, just have faith, just believe. Sometimes your faith is unconscious, you have it and you don't know it.** That little woman had it; she didn't know it.

MARY'S.BELIEF_ BEAUMONT.TX SATURDAY_ 61-0121

E-62 You just say... Now look away from me as a man and say, "Lord Jesus, I'm in need." And don't try to press your way, you don't get nowhere then. Just relax yourself, say, "I believe it, Lord, there's not a doubt in my mind.

SPEAK.TO.THE.ROCK.AND.IT.SHALL.GIVE.FORTH.HIS.WATER_ LAKEPORT.CA SATURDAY_ 60-0723

E-59 **Just believe. Just enter in reverently and believe. Now, I can't do it. It's your--your faith that has to do it. Just have faith, humbly; don't press. Don't press; just relax.** Say "Yes, Lord, I believe You. I'm coming to You, Lord. That man doesn't know me. How would he know me? He's a stranger to me. Now, I know He's preaching the truth, 'cause here it is in the Bible. I know that's true. But now, if You have honored Your people, by sending a gift among us, then, Lord, let me have the benefits of it. Of... If I don't need it..." If you don't need healing, say, "Lord, touch somebody in here that's praying." Say that. If you don't need healing, let somebody else, just a few hands went up that needed healing. I don't know who they were, but if you don't need it, you--you--you pray for somebody else that does need it. Say, "I know somebody here that needs healing. Let the Holy Spirit speak to that man and call that person." Just believe it like that and see what happens.

JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.TODAY.AND.FOREVER_ FAIRFIELD.ME THURSDAY_ 58-0515

E-51 Now, the thing... If you don't get up here on the platform, you just look up to Christ and say, "Lord Jesus, if this man is telling the truth, which I believe he has, then You speak to him." And I'm not... **Don't try to press yourself now; just relax and say, "Lord, I confess my sins; all that I've done wrong, forgive me for it. And heal me dear God. Grant that. See how merciful God is.**

The new birth doesn't depend upon us, but upon the seed of God sown within us
(what we have nothing to do with!)

Acts 13:48

And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

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Now then, here we are coming to a conclusion. As the eternal Logos (God) was manifest in the Son, and in Jesus dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and that Eternal One was the Father manifest in flesh, and thereby gained the title of Son, even so we, eternal in His thoughts in our turn became the many membered Spoken Word Seed, manifest in flesh, and those eternal thoughts now manifest in flesh are the sons of God, even as we are so called. **WE DID NOT BECOME SEED BY THE REBIRTH, WE WERE SEED AND THEREFORE WERE REBORN FOR ONLY THE ELECT CAN BE REBORN.** Because we WERE SEED is the reason we could be quickened. In NON-SEED there is nothing to quicken.

Ephesians 1:4-6

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.