

How Jesus is birthed in us and grows in us - a mystery to many

Col 1:26-27 **The mystery** (something not knowable to human intelligence) **which has been hidden...now has been revealed to His saints...which is Christ in you,**

The birth of Jesus into our hearts remains a mystery even to most born again Christians

Mat 1:18 **Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows** (but this time spiritually in us):

Rev 3:20 (Jesus) **I stand at the door** (of your heart) **and knock. If anyone hears My voice** (speaking to you by My word) **and opens the door** (of your heart by believing the words I speak), **I (Jesus) will come in to him** (be birthed in him),

1 Pet 1:23 **Having been born again...by the word of God** (entering your spirit)...

Eph 1:13 **In Christ you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth** (and believed it, not with your head but your spirit), **the gospel of your salvation...**

Gospel means the good news of Bible words, which ones, these or some like them:

1 Cor 15:1-4 **I declare to you the gospel...by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures** (allowing God now to righteously forgive us):

Eph 4:32 **...Forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.**

Jesus is not birthed in us by our invitation, but by our believing God's word, who He is

John 1:1-12 **In the beginning was the Word** (Jesus), **and the Word was with God, and the Word was** (and still is) **God...As many as received Him** (God's word, Jesus), **to them He gave the right to become children of God, (that is) to those who believe in His name** (what does believing in His name mean?):

Rev 19:13 **....His name is called The Word of God** (It means believing His word).

Eph 3:17 **So that Christ** (God's word) **may live in your hearts through faith...**

Col 3:16 (Therefore) **Let the word of Christ** (Christ) **live in you richly**...more and more

As Jesus is the word of God, more of His life is formed in us, the more words we believe

1 Pet 2:2 **As newborn babies** (born again by Jesus entering your heart through the first words you believed) **desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow;**

Gal 4:19 ...**For whom I labor in birth again until Christ is (fully) formed in you,**

Eph 4:13 **Until we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God (by believing more of His words He speaks to us), to a perfect man, to the level of the spiritual maturity of the fullness of Christ (living in us);**

Jesus referred to hearing His voice, meaning Bible words being spoken personally to us by the breath of God, the Holy Spirit, not trying to hear the dead letter of scripture:

1 Cor 6:11 **You were washed (from sin) you were sanctified (made holy) you were justified (made righteous) by the name (the word) of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God (making the word living, that is, making it Jesus Christ).**

Salvation means to be saved from sin, initially by God's forgiveness, and so knowing it

John 15:3 **You are clean (from sin) through the word which I have spoken to you.**

Heb 5:13 (For it is)...**The word of righteousness** (we believe, that purges us from sin),

Heb 10:2 KJV ...**For the worshipers, once purged, should have had no more consciousness of sins** (this is the proof that our hearts believed the righteous first words of the gospel, purging our past sins, we are not conscious of them).

When we have truly received God's forgiveness of our past sins, by believing words that He spoke to us that Christ died for them, we are no longer condemned by them. We have no need to forgive ourselves because we aren't conscious of anything to forgive.

This bliss of being guiltless goes away if we don't forgive or we value others above God

Matt 6:15 (Jesus) **But if you do not forgive others their sins** (for which I also died), **neither will your Father forgive your sins** (which then will condemn you again)

Jonah 2:8 **Those who regard worthless idols** (that is, valuing things or people above or equal with God) **Forsake their own Mercy** (and lose their forgiveness of sins).

The mystery of how Christ enters and grows in us has now been revealed – hold it fast

Eph 3:4 **By which, when you read, you may understand...the mystery of Christ,**

Pro 4:13 **Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she is your life.**

2 Tim 3:16 **All Scripture (God's word, Jesus) is given by inspiration from God (by God's Holy Spirit speaking and giving life to His words), and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,**