

## Crystallization-Study – Gospel of John

### **The Kingdom of God and the Blood and Water**

#### **The Kingdom of God**

- The revelation of the kingdom of God in John is based upon two verses in **John 3**.
  - **John 3:3** – Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is **born anew**, he cannot **see** the kingdom of God.
  - **John 3:5** – Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot **enter** into the kingdom of God.
- To **see** the kingdom to be **born anew**. To **enter into** the kingdom we need to be **born of water and the Spirit**.
  - To be born anew is to be born of water (**death of Christ**), and of the Spirit (**Christ's resurrection**). We need to die with Christ and be resurrected to be a new person of another, new species, new kind.
- The kingdom of God is the **reign** of God.
  - This divine reign is a **realm**, not only of the **divine dominion** but also of the **divine species**, in which are all the divine things.
  - In **John 3** the kingdom of God refers more to the **species of God** than to the reign of God.
  - To enter into the divine realm, we need to be **born of God** to have the **divine nature and life**.
  - That man was created in the **image of God** and **according to His likeness** indicates that man was **created in God's kind**, in God's species.
  - All the **children of God** are in the **divine realm** of the **divine species**.
  - These **God-men**, who are children born of God, not only constitute the **house of God** but also are the constituents with which the **Body of Christ** is built up, and the Body of Christ will consummate the New Jerusalem as the eternal kingdom of God and of Christ.

#### **The Blood and Water**

- We sinners became fallen and were against God's righteousness and estranged from God's life.

- We need to be **redeemed judicially** from God's condemnation according to the righteous requirement of His law.
- We need to be **saved organically** by His life from the death brought in by sin.
- Christ, as the Redeemer and Savior of fallen man, **redeems and saves** us through His **death and resurrection**.
- In His crucifixion, two elements that are critical to human life, came out of Him.
  - The **blood** of Christ is for God's **judicial redemption** in His redeeming the believers, **forgiving the believers' sins**, and **washing away the believers' sins**.
  - The blood is also for God to **justify** the believers and **sanctify** the believers **positionally**.
  - God's purchasing the church with His own blood indicates the **preciousness**, the **exceeding worth**, of the church in the eyes of God.
  - **Water**, signifying the **divine life**, is for God's **organic salvation**.
  - The Lord calls the sinners to come and **drink** His water of life. The believers were **regenerated** by God with His divine life. This divine life **saves** the believers.
  - It **dispositionally sanctifies, renews, transforms, conforms, and glorifies** the believers.
  - The believers **reign** in it. We can be **kings** by this divine life and **grow** with it for the **building up** of the Body of Christ.

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