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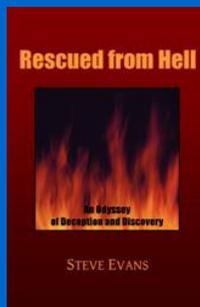
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***Being born and being born again** both are seen from some unusual angles. Whether the perspective comes from heaven's view or from my own imagination is for you to decide and enjoy...*

Steve

Your Birth Was Unnatural!

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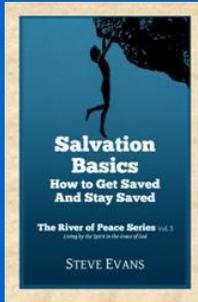
No, I don't know if you were like Macbeth, who from his mother's womb was "untimely ripped." That's not what I'm talking about. Nevertheless, it is all too true: **You were born in an unnatural condition!**

You were meant to be born the same way Adam lived before the Fall--in perfect knowledge of and union with your Father in heaven. You were meant to be basking in the radiance of His unending love for you, even from the very first moment His Hands began forming you in your mother's womb. You should have enjoyed a ready ability to communicate and commune with Him from the first moment your thoughts began.

You would have emerged from the womb already filled to overflowing with divine life and love, ready for His Spirit of wisdom to lead you and lift you higher as you grew. Like was intended to beget like. Remember? And it did: We were born in the image of *fallen* Adam. That was never the way the God of nature intended it to be!

Instead of what God intended to be a natural birth for you, you were robbed: you were born both dead and damaged! You were born dead due to Adam's sin whose sin nature cut you off from knowing your God and passed on to you his own spiritual death.

This damage could only be undone through faith/conversion to Christ so that your spirit could be brought back to life and you could be restored to knowing your Father's love through the revelation of Jesus Christ that was given to you. (See our teaching on **Beholding the True Image** at our website). Rebirth didn't change God--it changed you by removing the veil that kept you

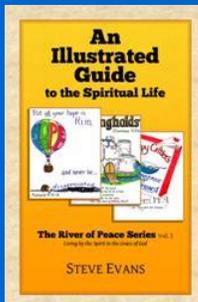


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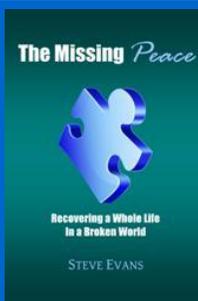


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from knowing and being connected to ***what was meant to be yours from the beginning!***

That in brief was the death and damage that came to us through what we could call our ***"first father's sin."*** But there were also the ***"sins of the fathers"*** that came to us generationally through our bloodline and sowed damage into us as a recipient of their misdeeds some of which we have walked in ourselves making them our own sins (like continues to beget like). Finally, there are the ***"birth father sins."*** This is almost freaky, but scientific studies have demonstrated that the attitude of the father towards either the mother or the child in the womb significantly impacts the emotional system of the newborn.

Isn't it a wonder that we aren't more messed up than we are? Doesn't this help you see why our Loving, All-Seeing Father has such compassion on us? So relax, and know that God knows what we were up against from the beginning. He's not shocked that we may have had a bad reaction to such a painful beginning. He's just asking us to trust Him and let Him ***lead us back into our lost wholeness.***

For more on generational sin and how to be free of it, see **Reversing the Curse.**

In Love with a Doctrine?

Trust me, this one really rocks...

Justification sounds too dry and theological to be relevant. It's not exactly a word that makes you want to break out in song, though Casting Crowns does use "justified" in "Glorious Day"--one on the few place you find it on the contemporary music scene. Are you aware, however, that Martin Luther, founder of the Protestant Reformation, predicted that ***the church would stand or fall*** based on this one doctrine alone? Stay with me and see if you think he was right. There is something here multitudes may be missing...

Perhaps my experience is typical. So much happened the night I was born again (9/29/1982): Jesus was revealed as Lord of the Universe; Father God was revealed as Love; Holy Spirit was imparted to me as inner Life; Scripture was revealed as Truth; sins were forgiven; seven demons were cast out; heaven was opened; and I was rescued from the hell of a satanic delusion that lasted 10 nightmarish years. So pardon me if I didn't notice that I was also being ***"justified freely in the Beloved."***

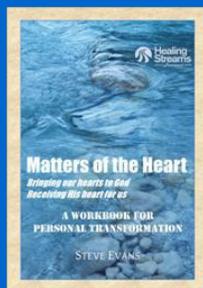
God gives us so much when we are born again that it is impossible for any of us to take it all in at the time. Honestly, I am still unpacking the gift of salvation after many years--Father is a great Giver. Besides, at the time of my conversion, all I wanted was a way out of my personal hell. ***I would have settled for a lot less*** than I was actually given. I had no idea I would be offered immediate entry into the most incredible Romance

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imaginable! Naturally, pressing in to know the Lord was the attention capturing gift of gifts. But eventually, I opened the one called "justification."

What does "justification" mean? It means that you don't ever have to feel crummy-guilty again. (I say "crummy-guilty" because Holy Spirit conviction is "clean-guilty.") Want more? **You also don't have to feel accused, rejected, abandoned, unacceptable!** God will never put those emotions on you and even if the devil and everyone you know wants you to feel them, you don't have to! Before you say "that's too good to be true" just consider how good you would feel, if it were true. Because that is the emotion your Lord wants to dress you up in.

"How can it be true?" (See? You may be one of the ones who isn't really believing this liberating truth...) "How can it be right of God to never want me to feel guilty or any of those other yucky feelings which seem to cry out so loudly at times?" Because Jesus paid the entire price for your sins, God has "justified you by the Blood." He has given you a standing with Himself which is just as if you are sinless in His eyes! He sees your sins of course (otherwise He could never free you of them), but He is not holding them against you. He sees you as a brand new creation, separated from sin.

He is free to shower you with love, favor and grace *all of the time*--that's what being "justified by faith" has done for you. And that means **you are free to feel it if you want to.**

How Can We "Feel" a Doctrine?

This is so good...

"OK, Steve. You have convinced me that I've been justified. And yet I'm still quite sinful. Shouldn't I feel guilty when I sin?" True guilt is a work of pure conviction (simply recognizing and agreeing with truth) and can include contrition (sorrow over the hurt we cause others), but *never* feels crummy like the guilty feelings the enemy wants to tag us with. That's oppression! Feeling "crummy-guilt" comes to us from the enemy masquerading as God. Don't give him the time of day! For more on this distinction see "**Conviction vs. Condemnation.**"

This is the first work of believing we have to learn to do in order to enjoy the sweet nectar of this delicious doctrine (I *told* you I'm in love with it...). We have to be very clear that feelings of condemnation, accusation, crummy-guilt, rejection and unworthiness come from the enemy and stop agreeing with them. You have to "clear the way for the Lord" by first clearing your attachment to the enemy's "feelings" out of the way. Then you can do the believing that will allow you to receive the new feelings.

So why is this so hard to get? Why does justification seem like such an abstract theological principle and not the stuff (as Bogart

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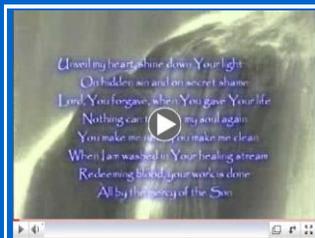
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said of the Maltese Falcon) "that dreams are made of." Make no mistake: this is a far greater treasure than any golden bird the Knights of Malta ever encrusted with gems! But you have to **believe truth in your "spiritual bones"** in order to access its power to transform your emotional reactions.

Who is going to do that unless they discover the genuine value of what true believing could do for them? This is a treasure worth digging deeply into the Word and into your heart to get! That's why I'm working so hard to make the case for why you would want to do the work of whole-heartedly believing it.

"How do I get the power of it?" The basic principle is this: The same instructions that may put you to sleep at a war college will rivet your attention at a base camp under fire. So...the next time you are "under fire" by accusing/guilty thoughts or crummy feelings, repent as needed first (if the Holy Spirit has shown you sins), then begin repeating something like this:

I have been justified freely in the Beloved. Therefore God does not want me to feel this way and I command these feelings to go in Jesus Name. I renounce all unbelief and choose to believe by an act of my will that the truth really is that You, Father God, see me just as if I'm sinless! I am always covered by Your love and I am always justified by the Blood of Jesus my Lord and Savior. Thank You for the indescribable "free gift" of justification!

Sometimes I will ask the Lord (knowing what the answer already is): "What do You want me to feel in this situation?" What floats back into my mind is some combination of "Forgiven, Accepted, Loved, Free." If you hear any word of reproach, rebuke it, and repeat the prayer until you truly believe it. **Freedom is well worth fighting for!**

Form more on [justification](#) head over to [Forerunners4Him](#).

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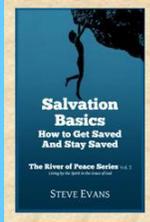
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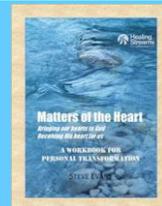
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