

## Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest

Matt: 11:25 – 30

A. Children of God are babes in Christ. V. 25 *"At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."*

1. When a person is saved, they are, spiritually speaking like a baby in Christ.
  - a. Jesus said to Nicodemus who was a Pharisees, and a ruler of the Jews. John 3:1 – It is my understanding that a Pharisees were very strong on the laws of Moses in the Old Testament, they were wealthy bot in money and knowledge of the Old Testament. With Nicodemus being a leader, you can understand the night visit.
  - b. As a well learned leader of the Jews, as a wealthy man, you would not think he would be so ignorant of Jesus or of salvation. But he was.
  - c. Jesus told him what God tells all of mankind, in verse 3 Joh 3:3 *"...**Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"* And in V. 5 Jesus says, *"...**Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**"*
  - d. What was Nicodemus idea of the new birth? **V. 4** *"Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"* As intelligent as he was, as well learned as he was, he had no idea what the "new birth" meant.
2. Salvation is a mystery to the world. Jesus said in V. 25 *"I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."*
  - a. Nicodemus, as a leader of the Jews, a Pharisees which made him a wise man of Old Testament studies, was a *"wise and prudent"* man. He had no learning in true salvation, he did not know Jesus, he simply thought of Him as a simple teacher of God. John 3:2 *"...and said unto*

him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God..." Not as the Saviour, not as the Son of God, but as simply a teacher. He was as ignorant about Jesus as he was about salvation.

- b. No lost person, no matter how educated they are, how biblically knowledgeable they believe they are, understands God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or the bible.
  - c. In fact, the entire Jewish leadership rejected and crucified Jesus. **John 1:11** *"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."*
- B. Salvation is a revelation; it is a work of God. **Matt. 11:25** *"...because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."*
1. These "babes" are the children of God, those who have been born again, as spoken of in John 3.
    - a. To understand the real conversation Jesus told Nicodemus, this ruler of the Jews, this very biblical scholarly man, that he must be "born again" or have a second birth.
    - b. The words "born again" means literally "to be born of God, from above".
  2. The word "born" means, -bear, beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered of – All of these words tells us that God literally give us a new birth, like unto our mother's giving birth.
    - a. **John 1:12 - 13** *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (13) Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."* – God gives us the power, (ability, privilege, or delegated influence) to BECOME the sons of God.
    - b. Since God is the birther, begetter, or deliverer, then the new birth has nothing to do with *"...not of blood (natural decent), nor of the will of the flesh(of man's free will), nor of the will of man(because anyone wants you to be saved)..."*
    - c. *"...but of God."* God is the birther, He is the one that begets us.  
**Romans 8:14** *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are*

*the sons of God.*" The words "as many is limited, by the Spirit means the Holy Spirit saves us or brings about the new birth, and the word "are" the sons of God means God loses none.

- d. **Ephesians 2:4 - 5** "*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, (5) Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*" Grace means – "*...and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*" V. 8

C. Why the mystery about salvation? **Matthew 11:26** "*Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.*"

1. God elected it to be. God was not forced to give a new birth to anyone, He chose too. **Ephesians 1:8 - 9** "*Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; (9) Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:*"
2. Why do people not accept this truth, because God has not revealed it to them. **2 Timothy 1:9 - 11** "*Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, (10) But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: (11) Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.*"

D. There are two sorts of knowledge in this world concerning the bible, Spiritual and natural.

1. Natural is knowledge we are raised in this world to learn. Humanistic, Anti-God, being enemies of God, without knowledge of God, creating our own thoughts about God in whom we naturally know nothing about.
2. Just because people are religious, believe in a god, go to church, having great zeal, and working hard, does not mean they know God or the truth about salvation. **Romans 10:1 - 4** "*Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. (2) For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. (3)*

*For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. (4) For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."*

3. Just because a person is well educated, having a PhD, does not prove they know anything about biblical truth.
4. Salvation is a gift of God, to those He chooses to have it, biblical understanding is a revelation by God's grace to whom He elects to give it.
5. **Matthew 11:27** *"All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him."*

Conclusion:

**Matthew 11:28 - 30** *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*