

## THE OLD MAN VERSUS THE NEW MAN

Little children or babies are said to be innocent because they are ignorant and knoweth nothing, knowing neither good nor evil. They are said to be a blessing too.

That would translate to mean that ignorance in children is a blessing. So the worldly saying that goes thus that "ignorance is bliss". And many believe this saying to be true, that which is a lie.

So what can we say of babies? Are they wise or foolish by reason of their ignorance? They are foolish, not knowing anything at all.

**Rom 9:10** And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; **Vr.11** (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) **Vr.12** It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. **Vr.13** As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. **Vr.15** For He saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. **Vr.16** So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

**Isa 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. **Vr.15** Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. **Vr.16** For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

**Prov 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

It is of the mercy of the LORD to deliver you from foolishness and grant thee wisdom in its stead. God takes away the foolish heart in us in order to give us a wise heart at rebirth. With what wisdom do we bring up our children in the educational systems of the world?

Babies are not born innocent into this world. Why? Because they are born ignorant and foolish, which is iniquity before God. A human baby is born of the flesh as "an old man" from birth.

A new creature is born innocent in the kingdom of God instead. Why? Because he is born knowledgeable and wise, knowing the Truth, which is of righteousness before God. The new creature is born of the Spirit as "a new man" from creation.

Iniquity is based on ignorance or lack of knowledge, while righteousness is predicated on the right knowledge and understanding. Iniquity is predicated on error, while righteousness is predicated on the truth.

The spirit of error sustains iniquity in the old man, while the Spirit of truth sustains righteousness in the new man. The old man is steeped in iniquity, while the new man is found in righteousness instead, the righteousness of God by the faith of Jesus Christ.

What is the iniquity of "innocent" babies or newly born? It is Ignorance.

**Ps 51:5** Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. **Vr.6** Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom [*who knows foolishness*].

What's the iniquity identifiable with little children in their heart? Foolishness

**Prov 22:15** Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Is foolishness a sin of the heart?

**Prov 24:9** The thought of foolishness is sin:

**Prov 19:1** Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool. **Vr.2** Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth. **Vr.3** The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

Foolishness is an object of defilement found in man. It is an evil thing within the heart of fallen man.

**Mk 7:20** And He said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. **Vr.21** For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, **Vr.22** Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **Vr.23** All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Foolishness and ignorance go hand in gloves. A fool or a foolish person is an ignorant person though he thinketh himself wise. An ignorant person speaks foolishly. God finds no pleasure in such persons. Ignorance alienates the foolish person from God.

**Ps 73:22** So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.

**Ecd 5:4** When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools:

**Eph 4:17** This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, **Vr.18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: **Vr.19** Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

### **THE OLD CREATURE VS THE NEW CREATURE**

Everyone born of Woman into this world is born as a baby, foolish and ignorant. Such are birthed in iniquity as it were. But not so with the 1st Man, Adam. Who was created, formed and made not as a baby but as a man, enlightened and wise unto God from his creation.

Adam was created as a Man, knowing God from the very beginning unlike babies born of Woman into this world, who do not know God. In short, nobody knows God from birth by being born of the flesh nor through the knowledge the world given in schools. But only those that eventually experience the new birth and become new creatures by being born of the Spirit instead. Such are they that get to know the only true God and His Christ through the true gospel. **Eph 1:13; Colo 1:5**

The first Man Adam was created as a new creature right from his creation, while the human offspring of Adam are born and made old creatures right from their birth in this world.

New born babies in this world are made old creatures spiritually from birth, not by reason of a physical or bodily aging process as it were. It is as a result of the corruption of carnality cum mortality in them as humans.

**2 Cor 5:16** Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. **Vr.17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, He is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

The children of this world are old creatures, while the children of the kingdom are new creatures as it were.

## THE NATURE OF THE OLD MAN VERSUS THAT OF THE NEW MAN

The old man was born in ignorance and iniquity cum unrighteousness, while the new man is created in righteousness and the wisdom of God that is of Christ Jesus. Within the following Bible texts we can bring out various distinctions in nature between the old man and the new man as it were.

**Eph 4:17** This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, **Vr.18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: **Vr.19** Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. **Vr.20** But ye have not so learned Christ; **Vr.21** If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: **Vr.22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **Vr.23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **Vr.24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. **Vr.25** Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. **Vr.29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. **Vr.30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. **Vr.31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **Vr.32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**Colo 3:5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **Vr.6** For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: **Vr.7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. **Vr.8** But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. **Vr.9** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; **Vr.10** And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: **Vr.11** Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. **Vr.12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; **Vr.13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. **Vr.14** And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. **Vr.15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. **Vr.16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;

teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. **Vr.17** And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

## **DEALING WITH THE OLD MAN TO BRING FORTH THE NEW MAN**

The old man and the new man cannot be found at the same time in one person. It is either a man is old or he is new not both. For the old man is one that is born of the flesh, while the new man is one that is born of the Spirit.

**Jn 3:6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**Mtt 12:33** Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. **Vr.34** O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. **Vr.35** A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

**Rom 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

As humans, the old man came first before talking of a man becoming new subsequently. The first Man, Adam, brought forth the old man in the world, while the second Man, the last Adam brings forth the new man in the kingdom of heaven.

**I Cor 15:44** It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. **Vr.45** And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul[*at his beginning*]; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit [*at his exit from the world*]. **Vr.46** Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. **Vr.47** The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. **Vr.48** As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. **Vr.49** And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Therefore, as humans in this world, the new man emerges from the old man, light has to be called out of darkness. For this to be possible, the old man has to be crucified and die in order for the new man to arise from the dead unto life thereafter. And that is why ye must be born again in order to become a new man by the faith of Jesus Christ. **2 Cor 4:6**

**Jn 3:7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. **Vr.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?

**Rom 6:6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **Vr.7** For he that is dead is freed from sin. **Vr.8** Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: **Vr.9** Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. **Vr.10** For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. **Vr.11** Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**I Cor 15:35** But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? **Vr.36** Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: **Vr.37** And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: **Vr.42** So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: **Vr.43** It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: **Vr.44** It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

For you to enter into this terrestrial world as a human, you must be born of the flesh as an old man acquiring a natural body. But for you to depart this world and be able to enter into the kingdom of God in the world to come or the world beyond, you must be born again first as a new creature by the faith of Jesus Christ while in this present world. And acquire a spiritual body at your resurrection from the dead unto life. If not, you will enter into a world of damnation instead with the spiritual body.

**Jn 3:3** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **Vr.5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**Jn 5:22** For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: **Vr.27** And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. **Vr.28** Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, **Vr.29** And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

**I Cor 15:49** And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. **Vr.50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot

inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. **Vr.52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **Vr.53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

It is only in Christ that an old man can be converted into a new man to live life eternal, no other way. Therefore, take heed that ye be not found outside of Christ in this world before death comes knocking.