
The Cross Shaped Life

Part 1: Do I have a Spiritual Birth Certificate?

Week of January 8th

INTRODUCTION

The foundation of the Cross Shaped Life is possessing your spiritual birth certificate. When Nicodemus asked Jesus what he had to do to possess eternal life, Jesus responded, "You must be born again!" This statement from Jesus shows us that when we enter a relationship with Him we experience a spiritual birth. This spiritual birth changes everything about our lives and takes us from darkness to light.

WEEKLY READING

John 3:1-12

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would living totally surrendered and committed to Christ change your life?
2. What keeps you from living totally surrendered and committed to Christ?
3. Possessing a spiritual birth certificate demonstrates that we are in a relationship with God and makes us citizens of His Kingdom. How do we receive a spiritual birth certificate?
4. What are some of the insufficient answers you have heard people give regarding receiving eternal life? Why are these answers insufficient?
5. Everyone who is a believer has a testimony of receiving their spiritual birth certificate. What is your personal testimony?
6. Once you receive a spiritual birth certificate your life should change to reflect this new birth. What difference has possessing a spiritual birth certificate made in your life?
7. What are some practical steps you are committed to taking over the next year to learn more about your spiritual identity?

MORE TO COME

As we learn more about the Cross Shaped life we will discover that possessing a spiritual birth certificate moves us to go deeper in our walk with Christ. As we study God's word and commit to allowing the Holy Spirit to have an active role in our lives we will see our faith mature and experience *Life Beyond Belief*. Receiving a spiritual birth certificate is not the culmination of the life of a believer but the start of a flourishing new life in Christ where God is glorified and others are inspired as we shine the light of Christ.