



WELCOME TO MEN'S LIFE

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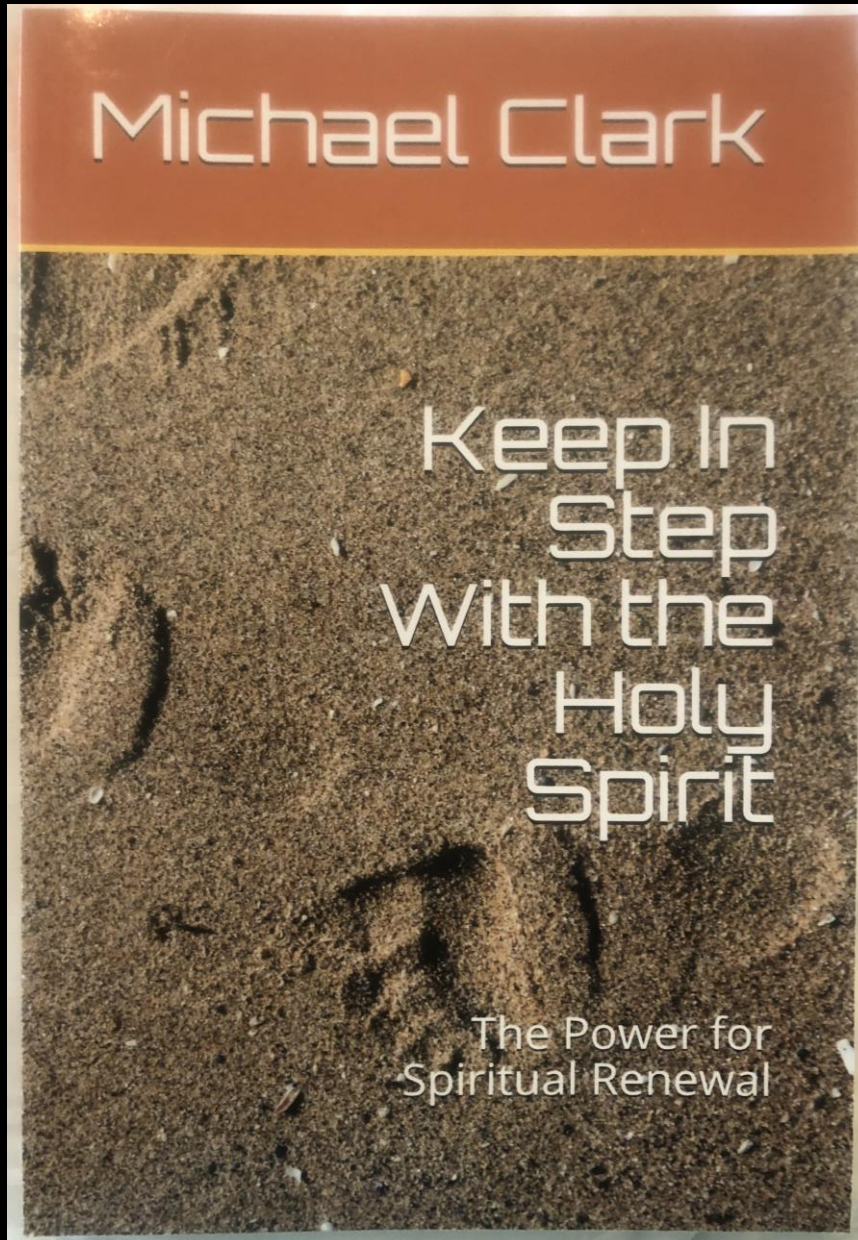


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- 1 = Morgan Hill
- 2 = Los Altos
- 3 = Apple Valley
- 4 = Cambria

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A Spiritual Lifestyle Test

Galatians 5:22-23:

*“But the fruit of the Spirit are
love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

- How patient are you?
- How self-controlled are you?

What does it mean to be “born again”?

John 3:3-7 *Jesus replied,
“I tell you the truth, unless you are born again
(from above), you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”*
4 *“What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus.
“How can an old man go back into his mother’s
womb and be reborn?”*
5 *Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the
Kingdom of God without being born of water and
the Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life,
but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. 7 So
don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born
again (from above).’”*

What does it mean to be “born again”?

- Understand the bad news before you can hear the good news.
- Not a matter of being religious.
- Required to even see the Kingdom of God.
- Not going back into a mother’s womb.
- Born of both water and the Holy Spirit.

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John 1:10-13

10 He came into the very world He created, but the world didn't recognize Him. 11 He came to His own people, and even they rejected Him. 12 But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. 13 They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

What does it mean to be “born again”?

- Jesus shows us true life from God as God with us in the flesh (incarnation).
- The Holy Spirit comes into our lives (incarnation) to give us that true life.
- Justified = reborn from above by Jesus' work
- Sanctified = living by the Holy Spirit's work
- Glorified = future life of complete holiness

Take Up Your Cross Daily!

Luke 9:23

Then He said to them all:

*“Whoever wants to be My disciple
must deny themselves and
take up their cross daily and follow Me.”*

When does this spiritual birth happen?

Acts 2:36-38

36 “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”

37 Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

38 Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

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Acts 2:36-38 (“To believe and accept Jesus”)

- Two things we do:
 - 1) repent
 - 2) turn to God
- Two things we receive:
 - 1) the forgiveness of sins
 - 2) the gift of the Holy Spirit
- All are gifts of God’s grace to us!

Questions for Discussion:

- Spend some time getting acquainted and re-acquainted with one another. Go over small group covenant in binder.
- List ways you often have been tempted to try to get into heaven or become better spiritually by your own means (and maybe still try to do so).
- What are signs that a church is 'religious' and not following the Holy Spirit? What are signs that they follow the Holy Spirit?
- How do we truly repent of our sins and turn to God? (Share your experience)
- (Preview) What more does the gift of the Holy Spirit do for us beside forgiveness of our sins?