

## **20220911 Banking God's Word in the vault of my heart**

Indicators of New Life – Part 3

(Psalm 119:1-16)

1 Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the LORD.  
2 Blessed are those who keep his statutes  
and seek him with all their heart—  
3 they do no wrong  
but follow his ways.  
4 You have laid down precepts  
that are to be fully obeyed.  
5 Oh, that my ways were steadfast  
in obeying your decrees!  
6 Then I would not be put to shame  
when I consider all your commands.  
7 I will praise you with an upright heart  
as I learn your righteous laws.  
8 I will obey your decrees;  
do not utterly forsake me.  
9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity?  
By living according to your word.  
10 I seek you with all my heart;  
do not let me stray from your commands.  
11 I have hidden your word in my heart  
that I might not sin against you.  
12 Praise be to you, LORD;  
teach me your decrees.  
13 With my lips I recount  
all the laws that come from your mouth.  
14 I rejoice in following your statutes  
as one rejoices in great riches.  
15 I meditate on your precepts  
and consider your ways.

16 I delight in your decrees;  
I will not neglect your word.

### **Jesus, the Word of God (God's life information)**

#### **John 1:1-4, 14**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.  
<sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was  
made that has been made.  
<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of men.  
<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We  
have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came  
from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **Spiritual birth**

#### **John 1:12**

<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received Jesus, to those who believed in Jesus'  
name, Jesus gave the right to become children of God.

### **Indicators of new life #1: Believers meet together.**

#### **Hebrews 10:25**

<sup>25</sup> Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit  
of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as  
you see the Day approaching.

### **Indicators of new life #2: Believers dwell in God's authority.**

#### **Acts 5:32**

<sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit,  
whom God has given to those who obey him."



**Acts 13:48**

<sup>48</sup> When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and **honored the word of the Lord**; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

**Jesus' description of the true sign of new life: Hearing**

**God's Word**

**John 8:47**

<sup>47</sup> He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

*Hear: Carefully listen and actively make an effort to understand and apply*

**John 8:51, 55**

<sup>51</sup> I tell you the truth, if anyone **keeps my word**, he will never see death."

<sup>55</sup> Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but **I do know him** and **keep his word**.

**Our willingness to take the word of God into our heart and apply it to our life - That's the indicator of new life.**

**SO WHAT? *Make it habit to have a daily time before God's Word***

**Psalms 119:9, 11**

<sup>9</sup> How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

<sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.