

Stage 1: Reborn Disciple.

Jesus Mashiach, the Son of God:

Imagine a newborn opening his eyes, and the first person he apprehends is his mother, the life-liver, in whom in this stage of life, encompasses his whole world, all his life, and his future!

As a reborn disciple of Jesus Mashiach, this is your spiritual experience, too! For this reason, the first person you are introduced to in this Gospel of New Life is Jesus Mashiach, the Son of God.

In Jesus Mashiach, you have new life. All you need to reborn, to grow, to thrive as a new disciple, is embodied in your life giver!

He is the Son of God, the Firstborn Heir of the family of God. So, he has the right to include you into the family of God as an Heir of his own House, an Heir of God's abundant creation.

So, as a newborn at first knows only his life-giver, cling to Jesus as your spiritual life-giver! Take all that he has to give you in trusting receptivity, which is your faith!

Key Verse.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, **the Son of God.**

(Mark 1:1).

⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will **baptize** you with **the Holy Spirit.**"

(Mark 1:7-8)

Newborn/ Spiritually Reborn Disciple:

Human newborns have only one task, and that is to *live*! Having passed from the dark and watery, airless reality of the womb, they now enter the

overwhelming reality of fresh air, bright lights, and new life in the arms of their parent!

So, consider your *spiritual rebirth* a similar passage from the *old life* into the new life of heaven and eternity! As a disciple of Jesus Mashiach, you are literally *reborn* by the Holy Spirit to live in the new spiritual reality of God's House and Kingdom! And, just as a newborn clings only to his parent in this fresh new world, so, you must learn to cling only to Jesus Mashiach as your very life.

This first stage of your *new life* as a disciple of Jesus Mashiach critical, because you must decide to fully embrace this new life in your Life-Giver, Jesus. Be sure you learn these new-life lessons from the outset:

- **Life:** your New Life is entirely *dependent* on your Life-Giver, Jesus Mashiach. Cling by faith to him alone! As a child knows and needs his parent alone, come only to Jesus

Mashiach for life. Not customs, not disciplines, no pious substitutes. Only Jesus is your life (John 14:6; 2 Corinthians 5:17).

- **Death:** You have left your old life of *fleshly living* in sin and death. Like a child leaving the watery womb, realize that the *dark world* has no life for you. Yes, live in the world, but know that your *real life* is now spiritual, in God's House and Kingdom, so settle your heart there. Repent—reject completely your old life and its death.
- **Purpose:** Your Life-Giver has not just made you alive but has transferred you out of the danger of the *dark kingdom* and brought you under the protection of His Kingdom of Light. Now, our Family's mission is to draw all people into this light and life of the Kingdom!

Milestone/ Abilities:

In many ways, this first stage of your life as a disciple is one in which you are most vulnerable, but it is a critical stage, for it sets the course of the rest of your spiritual life with Jesus Mashiach. For, as a Newborn Disciple, the first milestone you must reach in your new life is simply to **live and thrive spiritually as a child in the House and Kingdom of God!**

For, many new disciples have *been stillborn* in their new life, for they assumed that becoming a disciple was merely an earthly, *religious* transaction experienced entirely in this social world of men. Being blind to the *Kingdom reality* into which they should have passed, they lived to gain earthly advantage, acquiring new habits and relying entirely on their *fleshly ability* and human understanding to “progress” in their faith,

remaining cutoff from the Son of God who alone could have given them new life. Instead, they lived as if they were newborns still seeking to inhabit the dark comforts of the womb.

A. Faith in Jesus Mashiach, the Son of God, your Life-Giver.

Instead, *be sure to first come to Jesus Mashiach* hungrily by *faith* for his new life. This helpless **dependence** by which you draw near to him as your sole life-giver, this Son of Man, should be the faith you continue you with your entire life. For, *Jesus Mashiach* remains your Life-giver at rebirth and throughout your entire life- as your Life-sustainer, the Vine which gives the branches nourishment as they remain in him forever (John 15:5-7).

B. Being Sanctified of the Flesh in His House: Repentance and Confession.

Second, living with him in his house and Kingdom requires that you *repent*—to reject the fleshly life of sin and death. Before you were reborn, you lived your life *entirely in the flesh*, living in sin and cut off from the life of God. But, you repented of this *fleshly life* apart from God and were reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Being reborn, you must be “sanctified”—that the Spirit helps you *continue to repent of* the “fleshly life” to be fashioned by the Spirit into the likeness of Jesus Mashiach. To continue to reject, repent of, and crucify the *fleshly life in you* is to be “sanctified” (Hebrews 10:14) as you confess your sins (1 John 1:9) and offer up your body not to unrighteousness but righteousness (Romans 6:12-14). Remember, to live in the flesh is not just to indulge in *fleshly sin*, but it is to *rely on your*

fleshly, human ability and understanding as you did when you were cut off from God. Instead, live in his power, not your own, to honor his name, not your own. Relying on the *flesh* to achieve the new life is a *futile and self-justifying self-righteousness* (Galatians 3:3).

C. Kingdom Awareness by Faith: Earthly and Heavenly Kingdoms.

Finally, to be “viable” in the Kingdom’s new life is to be *awakened* to the reality that you now inhabit two realities. Your fleshly body still lives and moves in this *earthly world*, but you are now *alive* in Jesus Mashiach and reborn into his spiritual House and Kingdom by the Holy Spirit.

Being *reborn* by the Holy Spirit into this spiritual reality, you must walk by *faith*, believing the Word of God as the Spirit leads and teaches you to live in this new Kingdom reality. For, it is in this

Kingdom reality of the Spirit that Jesus is anointed Mashiach, given spiritual power to do a spiritual work in the lives of his people (Mark 1:10). In this earthly world, like Jesus your Lord, you will be “tested” (Mark 1:13) and your *fleshly life* enticed so that you find comfort in the *flesh* to abandon the *Spirit*. But, it is only from the spiritual reality of the Kingdom that your soul is truly strengthened and healed.

Assessment Question:

As a disciple of Jesus Mashiach, you are a son of God, reborn into the House and Kingdom of God as your Father by Jesus Mashiach, the Son of God. You are no longer a person existing entirely in *earthly flesh*, living by your own abilities and understanding as if God did not exist. Rather, you come to Jesus by faith, receiving ALL the spiritual

life and fullness of the Kingdom by *faith*, as you humbly and hungrily take all that He gives you.

In the Household of God, you are meant to *grow up* to bear the family resemblance of the Lord Jesus and his Father, our God. So, give in to the process of *sanctification*, which means you repent of your old, *flesh-driven* life in this dark and sin-addicted and Godless world. As you offer yourself to God and repent of the *fleshly life* which still calls to you, you will grow to bear the righteous image of your Lord Jesus.

Finally, at this point, you must be *awake* to the Kingdom and its spiritual reality, even while we still live in this *earthly darkness*. So, in this life, walk in the *life* of the Lord Jesus Mashiah, coming to him always for life. Walk by faith, as his Word reveals to you the spiritual reality of the Kingdom and our House in which you now live. Walk by the Spirit, as he reveals to you the mind of the Lord God and instructs you in the Word. As you confess

your sins and repent of the flesh, you will draw near to the Lord Jesus and your Heavenly Father.

So, test yourself to see how you are experiencing New Life as a reborn disciple of Jesus Mashiach.

- ☐ Do I trust Jesus Mashiach alone as my Lord?
 - Do I trust that He is the Son of God, my Life-giver who gives me a rebirth by the Holy Spirit?
 - Am I drawing near to Jesus Mashiach throughout my day to help me live this New Life?
 - Am I reading His Word as my spiritual food, to be nourished by Him?

- ☐ Am I repenting of the works of my *fleshly Self*—
 - Lusts and Sins, to hunger after this dark world for my satisfaction?

- Self-reliance and understanding, to live life on my own strength apart from God?
 - Self-righteousness—to rely on my own goodness and virtue to grow as a disciple?
- ☐ Am I living *awakened* to the Kingdom Reality even as I walk the Earth as a son of God?
- Do I rely on the Spirit to reveal to me the Spiritual Reality of God's House and Kingdom, and what God is doing in my life?
 - Am I blinded by the earth, so that all I see and perceive is my worldly surroundings?
 - Am I passing the test of this earth to pray for and seek the coming Kingdom and its righteousness?

- Or, am I failing the test, so that I am living entirely by the flesh in this world?

Further Discovery: