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People Who Met God

*Like new life sprouting from the earth,
the Lord's grace never ceases*



Severe Pain from Shingles Vanished Instantly After Prayer

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On the morning of Wednesday, March 11, immediately after returning home from exercising, my entire body began to tremble uncontrollably. An unbearable chill washed over me, and I felt a persistent, piercing pain—as if being pricked by needles—in my abdomen and rib area. That evening, red spots began to appear on my stomach, and by the next day, the

12th, they had spread rapidly to cover my back. As pustules began to form, I rushed to the hospital on the 13th and was diagnosed with shingles.

I began treatment at the hospital with IV fluids and medication, but even after five days, the pain did not subside at all. I began to repent for my lack of prayer life and my failure to be faithful. On Monday the 16th, right after receiving prayer from pastor Hak-young Lim, the pain finally began to ease.

Then, on Sunday the 22nd, with a heart of total surrender to God, I used an umbrella as a walking stick to attend the church service. During the service, I received Senior Pastor Soojin Lee's prayer for the sick. And the agonizing pain that felt as if my stomach would burst vanished instantly, like a miracle.

Moreover, my chronic shoulder pain and the pain from spinal stenosis also disappeared. The large pustules burst and quickly formed scabs. Although the doctor said it would take more than a month to fully recover, just a few days after receiving prayer, the scabs hardened and fell off, and now my skin is completely clear. Hallelujah!



Miraculously Survived the Brink of Death After Septic Shock

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Early last October, as I was returning to my daily routine after the Korean thanksgiving holiday, I started feeling symptoms of a cold. At the time, I thought it was just a simple case of the flu and expected to recover soon with some rest. However, starting from October 12, the situation changed completely. Intense pain began to weigh on my entire body along with a high fever, and from the following day, my symptoms worsened beyond control.

On Tuesday, October 14, while I was urgently admitted and undergoing tests, I unexpectedly went into septic shock. My blood pressure plummeted, and I was plagued by severe vomiting and diarrhea, leading to my immediate transfer to the intensive care unit (ICU). In that moment, I stood on the thin line between life and death, in a desperate situation where every second was uncertain.

The following day, my condition

deteriorated further as I suffered from extreme dehydration due to persistent diarrhea occurring every hour, and fluid began to fill my lungs. My heart function also weakened rapidly. By October 16, my inflammation levels skyrocketed from 20 to 40, reaching a critical stage where medical recovery could no longer be guaranteed.

The attending physician informed me that there were no more antibiotics left to use and stated that, besides prayer, there was no other way to ensure recovery. As the situation reached a point where my family was even asked about life-sustaining treatment, my condition had essentially surpassed the limits of human capability.

My youngest daughter rushed over from Jeju Island, and I had to say my final goodbyes to my family through a fading consciousness. At that moment, with the help of my sister-in-law, senior deaconess Eun-jung Kim, I was able to receive the recorded prayer for the sick by Pastor Emeritus Rev. Jaerock Lee. Additionally, local church members and pastors all joined together in one heart for intercessory prayer.

That evening, my husband, our three children, and my sister-in-law's couple gathered together and cried out to God with tears. We deeply repented of having led a lukewarm life of faith and having failed to love one another.

I, too, lying in my hospital bed with dimming consciousness, laid down my shortcomings and offered an earnest prayer of repentance, seeking only His mercy.

Then, an amazing change occurred. The inflammation level, which had soared to 40, immediately began to drop to 30 that very day. My family's earnest prayers continued, and by October 19, the level plummeted to 7.0. My blood pressure and breathing also gradually stabilized, and my overall condition began to recover.

My husband, who had been attending Sunday services from home for a long time, was deeply moved by this. He began coming to the sanctuary to worship God in person. Two days later, on October 21, my inflammation level dropped to 2.6, allowing me to be moved to a general ward. Finally, on Sunday, October 26, our entire family was blessed with the grace of worshipping God together in the sanctuary.

Finally, on October 28, I was discharged from the hospital in great joy, having been declared fully recovered with no aftereffects remaining. Hallelujah! Since then, I have been able to return to work in good health and am living a happy and healthy life. I offer all my thanks and glory to our loving Father God who held onto me at the threshold of death and led me back to the path of life.



Pastor Soojin Lee's Multilingual YouTube Program: Only Bible

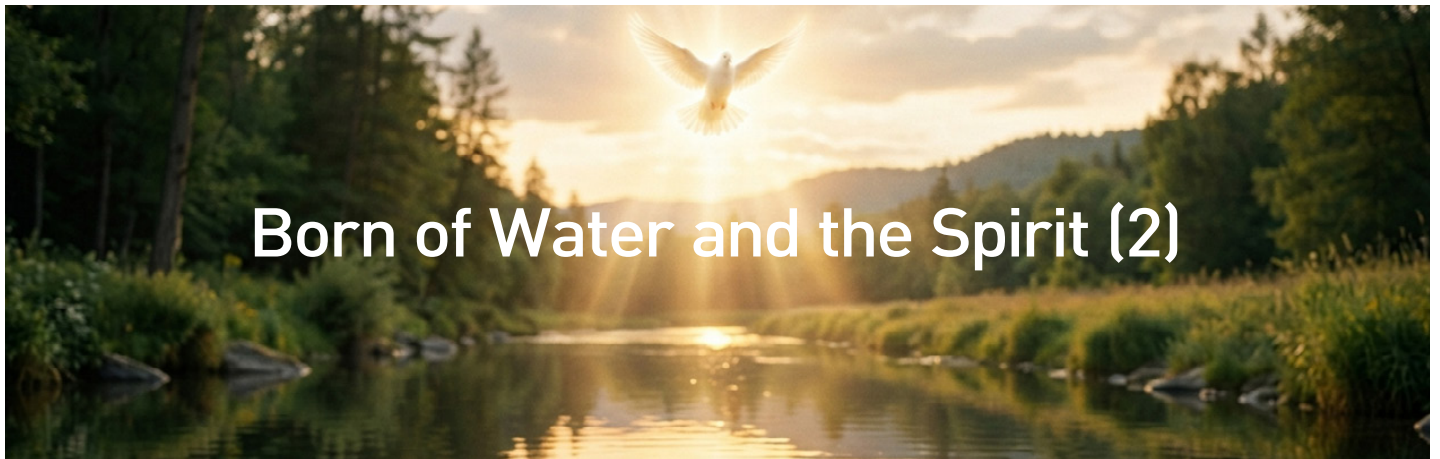
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Born of Water and the Spirit (2)

3. What It Means to Be Born Again of Water and the Spirit

How, then, did man's spirit come to die, and how can one be born again of water and the Spirit? Although the first man, Adam, was formed from the dust of the ground, he became a spiritual being when the breath of life—God's original power—entered him. That is, he became a living spirit. However, because he sinned by disobeying God, his spirit died according to the spiritual law that "the wages of sin is death."

Once the spirit died, communication with God was severed, and humans became men of flesh. In other words, because they could no longer receive spiritual knowledge from God, they instead accepted the untruth planted by the enemy devil and began to live according to worldly desires. The death of the spirit refers to a state in which, as communication with God is cut off, spiritual knowledge—the truth—leaks out and untruth enters, leaving the spirit unable to function, as if it were dead.

Because the spirit of the first man, Adam, died, his descendants were also born with their spirits dead. Living in darkness, they were destined for hell. However, God prepared a way to revive one's dead spirit and allow him to enter the kingdom of heaven. That way is to receive Jesus Christ and be born again of water and the Spirit.

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.'"

John 3:3

What, then, does it mean for one to be born again of water?

It means to act according to the Word, circumcise his heart, and be transformed by the truth. "Water" signifies the living water—the Word of God, which is the truth—and it refers to Jesus, who came to this earth as the Word made flesh. In John 4:14, Jesus spoke about this living water, saying, "but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Water quenches thirst, sustains life, and washes away filth. Likewise, the Word of God washes away the foul and dirty evil within the heart. However, even if one knows the Word of God, which is the living water, it is of no use unless he obeys and practices it.

When we follow the 'do not' and

'throw away' commands and cast off the untruth such as hatred, jealousy, judgment, and condemnation, our hearts become clean. Furthermore, as we practice the 'do' and 'keep' commands, loving and serving others, and seeking their benefits, our hearts are filled with the truth. This process of casting off the untruth and filling ourselves with truth, the Word of God, is precisely what it means to be born again of water.

Next, what does it mean to be born again of the Spirit?

To receive salvation, we must not only be born again of water—the Word of God—but also be born again of the Spirit. The reason is, only by receiving the Holy Spirit as a gift by accepting Jesus Christ and repenting thoroughly, can our dead spirit revive and we can be transformed into men of spirit whom God desires.

The Holy Spirit revives the dead spirit, helps us understand the Word of truth so we can cast off sins, and transforms us into men of spirit. This process of having the dead spirit revived with the help of the Holy Spirit, casting off sin, and being transformed into a person of spirit is what it means to be born again of the Spirit. Therefore, for one to be born again of water and the Spirit and attain eternal life is possible solely due to the love of God; it is a gift given freely.

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