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It's Christmas Time Again

Brian Coatney

Let's look at the four times that the Bible tells us that Christ was begotten. Four times? Yes, I see four at least. First, the Bible tells us that Christ is God's only begotten Son, which means in eternity and not time, so there never was a time when Christ was not the only begotten Son—of the same essence and divinity of God and therefore never to be considered as anyone other than God Himself in eternal begotten form—not a creaturely emanation. The angels worship Him, and He is the express image of God and the radiance of His glory as Hebrews describes Him. The Holy Spirit bears witness to the divinity of Christ and illumines God's word to us in the Scriptures of the same, so no wonder a star in the heavens led the wise men to the manger, and they worshipped the babe in swaddling clothes sent as the Lamb of God to wash away the sins of the world.

Why, though, did He need to enter human history as a human and die as such an unblemished lamb? In Genesis we read the story both of grief and amazing grace that our first parents fell into the deceit and ownership of the devil, who took over in their inner selves as the slave master driving humankind continually deeper into sin ever since the Fall. This is the grief. God's immediate promise that the woman's seed would bruise the serpent's head marked the first messianic promise and told of God's determined plan and unfailing love by which He would win back the lost sons who would believe and receive His salvation. This is the amazing grace. All human history then looked forward to how and when the messiah would bring this salvation.

With God, the unlikeliest is usually His plan, so to our consternation at first, He actually birthed His only begotten Son, already divine and eternal and in the bosom of the Father, by inseminating Mary the virgin by means of the Holy Spirit so that Jesus could be born of His own Father and not out of Adam, which would have constituted Jesus already a sinner at birth, since when Adam sinned, all ever to be born of Adam, sinned when Adam sinned. God knew what we did not yet know, that we could never reform or change our old man into a new man. Sins had to be washed away, and our old man had to die, for death is the wages of sin.

Christians know that Jesus died to forgive our sins, which he indeed did, but God accomplished far more than we thought, for He not only forgives sins by the blood of Jesus, He makes us into new creatures. As said, however, He does not do this by any change that we work in ourselves, but by a new Birth. For that to happen, though, Christ had to rise from death as the firstborn from the dead, this being the third time of the Father begetting Him, making Him a new creature in the sense that never before had there been manifested a being both divine and human and also the first born from the dead—making Him the last Adam and the father of a whole new race of sons, all being new creatures born in Christ.

Christ's third begetting, then, is his death, burial, and resurrection, wherein He was made sin—meaning that He became our old man and died as us on the Cross. But wait, He not only died as our old man, but rose again as the new man with us in Him. So when Jesus told Nicodemus that he needed to be born again, He really meant it, even though Nicodemus looked astonished and could not get past his natural mind—a mind that thinks only in terms of the natural world and its impossibility of a second birth from an earthly mother's womb.

Jesus meant birth in Christ via the divine womb, from which we spring forth as Christ indwelled, God having begotten Christ in us—indwelling us as expressers of Himself. Thus, just as we were formerly in our lost condition the vessels, temples, and branches of Satan, now we are in our saved condition the vessels, temples, and branches of Christ, which is only right since God created us as these in the first place before the Fall, and the devil only stole us, leaving us redeemable through God's wondrous plan of crucifying us in Christ to put Satan out of us so that Christ could indwell us by our being in his resurrection.

That solves every problem, even our present trials and tribulations, which include disease, misfortunes, losses on every level, and ultimately death to the human body. But we know no such death in spirit as Christians; for as Jesus told Martha at Lazarus' tomb, those who believe in Him shall never die. It can seem a terrible thing that God has left us to live in these dead bodies subject to every groaning and travailing in this present age, but Jesus has told us to be of good cheer for He has overcome the world, and presently we shall reign with Him not only in spirit in the heavenlies, but here on earth in the glorified bodies already seeded in us and waiting for that day of final emergence when all the universe will bow to the risen Lord.

Thus the fourth begetting will be the manifest reign of the Lord Jesus Christ, and with Him all of his court—the manifestation of the sons of God. Light and liberty will fill the universe, and we will live in a constant sea of glory and divine sound and color manifested in our union with the eternal Son, whose images we are now in spirit and will then be in glorified bodies. This is a day not to miss. Those who reject God's saving lamb will perish as the

Scriptures say, to the grief of God. Yet, even that grief will be swallowed up in glory as the kingdom of God then proceeds forever in endless manifestation of God's glory in the sea of His grace, the face of His lamb, and the wondrous new city, the New Jerusalem, which Paul calls our mother above.

Glory be to God in the highest; peace on earth and good will to all men.

This is GLORIOUS GOOD NEWS at Christmas as well as all through the New Year. Thank you Brian for this excellent article.

Christ, Our Life Ministries blesses you with a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ministry News

Hey, no one asked why there was no Liberating Secret Newsletter for November—well, I needed someone to write it for me. There was too much on my plate at the time. Any volunteers?

To catch you up with what is happening, let me begin by saying that Pawley's Island Women's Retreat was simply the best. We had a full house on the week-end of Oct. 26, and a quieter time throughout the week, but just as powerful. We are hoping that some of you might be interested in doing the same kind of weekend retreat in your area. If so, let us know and we can come see what the Lord will open up for you, and your people.

Dad and I left Hilton Head Island on November 8th to head north to Concord, NC where our friend and coworker, Louis and Kathy Tucker live. We were all invited to teach at a church in Winston Salem, NC. Our host was Richard Manus a long time friend of ours. The time was tremendously beneficial to God's precious ones in this well taught church. Richard wants to look into putting the Liberating Secret Radio in his area, as well as have us back to do a retreat at Joy Mountain, <http://www.joymountain.org/portal/Home/tabid/52/Default.aspx> which is a retreat center near him. We will let you know how and when this works out.

We got home November 10 just to have a wonderful time at the Steve Pettit's conference held by our friends, Steve and Kathy Hodge. Our house guest were, Dr. Chuck Thurston from Ohio; Meredith and Riley Bub from Tennessee; and Paul Chapman from North Carolina. Steve did a superb sermon at Wayne Eads church on Sunday which will be available on request. We always have a taste of heaven whenever Steve comes our way.

We will be on the road again in mid January, keep us in your prayers.

Please send me the news in your area to be posted in this Newsletter. sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org



Now to the next event at our house on Poplar Lane in Louisville: We are having a "DAY APART, and Christmas Celebration" on December 15th starting at 10:00 AM. This time we are privileged to hear from our long time friend and co-teacher, **Brian Coatney**.

Check out some of his brilliant Writing and Poetry on our web-site.

<http://theliberatingsecret.org/Authors/Coatney/Coatney.htm>

Please bring something to share with us for lunch and prepare to stay the day. RSVP Sylvia Pearce at: sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB-SITE:

The Lord is always pressing us to advance our ministry. We are considering a new section on our site that offers ministry to the body of Christ. I have asked several to have their own page, offering themselves as counselors, prayer warriors, mentors, Spiritual advisors; etc. They will have their e-mail links, and any other links that they might have available. Already, I have gotten a response from 5, with 5 more to go. That will do for now, but we could rotate ministers maybe in a year.

Hey anybody interested in a verse, by verse commentary on Romans 7? Here is a taste...Romans 7:7-25 has been one of the most debated over sections in the Bible. Bible teachers, as well as Theologians alike rarely understand it, nor teach it properly. Some say, Paul was not saved when he wrote it, while others agree that he was a Christian, but they say the struggles and wrestling he had with himself was his permanent condition through-out his life. Others make the point that we

humans have two natures and we, like Paul, will always war with an evil human nature. None of these opinions ever satisfied me....

Here it is:

<http://theliberatingsecret.org/Authors/Pearce/New%20Romans%207.pdf>

Also, here is **What is Man?**, the first chapter of my new book, What is Man Commentary, If anybody wants this in booklet form, I'll send it to you.

Here it is:

<http://theliberatingsecret.org/Authors/Pearce/What%20Is%20Man.pdf>

Dominion Through Submission:

Ancient Warfare for the 21st Century

By

James Hetrick

Unconditional love is the greatest power in the universe. As I have experienced the losses and disappointments that are common to us all over the course of my life, God has been continually teaching me to hold onto things and people very loosely, being ready to let go of blessings at any time without notice and be left with only Him, at a deeper level of surrender. It is through surrender that I have found the greatest power—the power of being free from *myself*. I, like you, was born with the nature of Adam inside of me; the nature he inherited from the fall. When Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they took the spirit of error into themselves, which is the nature of Lucifer. This exalted angel let pride arise within him because of his own beauty. Lucifer said in his heart, "I will be like the Most High." Lucifer's sin was selfish ambition—the desire to be worshipped at any cost, regardless of the well being of his worshippers. This is the spirit we see manifesting itself in multifaceted ways in unredeemed humanity, as well as within the church. This self-for-self nature is the very opposite of God, who, outside of time, is the eternal Self-for-others. His is unconditional love. The Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world, but this demonstration of the heart of the uncreated God had to be made manifest in human history, and was manifested in the crucifixion of Christ.

Someone once said that all of our greatest enemies are inside of us. If we overcome that which is inside of us, the world will be peaceful to us. The primary way that we overcome *self* is by identifying with the crucifixion of Christ—putting ourselves into His death by the word of faith, so that God might raise us up with Him in His glorious resurrection. Christ was "made sin" that He might destroy the root of Sin within humanity. God is not only concerned with the negative fruit of sin in our lives, but the root, which is the spirit of error. The heart of God is to love others for their own sake, regardless of how He is affected. In fact, God's greatest desire is to see humanity in the most blessed state possible in every way, and He knows

that only comes through knowing Him.

Our greatest enemy is our inherited tendency to use others for our own ends. We would spend them on our own pleasures. "The rulers of the gentiles lord it over them, not so with you...." Self wishes to be lord, while love genuinely desires the well being of others. Of course, before we are crucified with Christ and raised with Him, none of us can love others the way we know we ought to with any real consistency. We are convicted by our own conscience about our relationships with others, and the law shouts at us and pokes us in many ways. The letter of the law kills *self* in us, and through the law we die to the law that we may be lead by the Spirit of God. By our daily choices to submit to the cross in our interactions with others, we lose our lives—that which was really no life at all, but was destroying us. We adhere to what James says is the royal law by which we will be judged—"love your neighbor as yourself." It is then that we find life—the freedom to live free from fear and love others with no strings attached. When others sense the love of Christ within us, they trust us, and return whatever love they are capable of giving at the time. Through the Lover within us we transform our circumstances and surroundings ("before them is the Garden of Eden...."). Then we begin to have the primary pleasure of the Garden of Eden restored to us, which is spirit-to-spirit communion, or intimacy.

We Must First Know, Satan in Us

By Nancy Gilmore

Well Sylvia, thanks for the vote of confidence, but of all the people you are involved with I probably am the most impossible 'form' of Christ you will ever know... I have the 'narrowest of views' on ALL is Christ! - and when it comes to knowing Christ as our other half in total ways we are going to have to know that we were once a "*form* of SATAN"- good or bad! Even if we've been known by Christ from before the foundation of the world, we still have to know we've been involved in the fall of humanity with Satan, and redemption not only happens to be a total work of Grace by Jesus Christ death and resurrection, but it has to be a death of Satan in us, and we know it! We are strong and have *overcome* the evil one by Christ (as us) and the word of God abides in us- replacement! I think "perhaps" this is the real lack of *revelation* among many who know they are Christ in their forms, but they have not had 'the revelation of *themselves* as once forms of Satan'. They do not understand they were a form of Satan because the fall was an actual event which took place *in us*, as well as in the world. Horror of all horror without Salvation through Christ, and to which we *must* be born again in Christ to behold all things new. Faith is facts- and there's no getting around it, we would never know without Christ in us, and the revelation of His Devine Word to us. I personally don't think it has sunk into many that Satan is able to change himself into an angel of light, and deceive! Christ in us is the only way we will keep from falling into this kind of deception. Christ

truly is our KEEPER! Love you so much, dear! - N.

Quotes

George MacDonald

This quote was submitted by Ron Block

'With all sorts of doubts I am familiar, and the result of them is, has been, and will be, a widening of my heart and soul and mind to greater glories of the truth I cannot say I never doubt, nor until I hold the very heart of good as my very own in Him, can I wish not to doubt. ***For doubt is the hammer that breaks the windows clouded with human fancies, and lets in the pure light.***'

Letters

Dear Brian,

I have been listening to your radio shows with Sylvia as I wait to pick up Mallory from school each day. I must mention how they have been right in line with a "spirit issue" that I have been helping my friend Holly to see. Needless to say, the experience has been as much for me as it has for her. Hearing you and Sylvia gives me a refresher course in the truth that still remains at the core of my Christian belief. The Lord knows how to get His message through, no matter what!

Take care,
Melanie



Dear Paul,

God is faithful to require us to walk through *trials and temptations* (these words are interchangeable) so that he might call us to completion or perfection. You know all the scriptures: James 1:2; I Peter 1:7; Heb. 6:1-3; Colossians 1:28; Phil. 3:15-16; and I John 2:14b. This of course is only a few, but the whole NT is pressing us on to holiness which is wholeness, until Christ is formed in us. We as Colo. 2:10 says that we are complete in the Godhead, however, God wants to grow us up and so that we might possess our possessions (Obad. 1:17), and operate our inheritance in its fullness. Temp. and trials are to first fix us in the truth, and then as safe sons see them as God's redemptive purposes for others. Like CS Lewis says, Christians need to get out of the pay pen and grow up in Christ.

Blessings,
Your Spirit Mom

Poems of the Month

Blessed Christmas

Imagine a greeting tucked under some hay,
"This is my son; He'll bear sin away."
Salvation delivered according to plan,
God's greatest gift in a temple called man.
Celebrate Christmas,
Hear angels sing,
rejoice in His gift,
Christ Jesus, our King.

The Well

Brian Coatney

Times, I would just stand there,
leaning over the side of the well,
and breathe the coolness of the dark shaft,
dropping down into the unseen water.

I would stand there and imagine
the dark shaft, just leaning over
with small rocks in my hand,
dropping each, one at a time,
down the long shaft,
with the silence between each drop
and that splash of the rock
hitting the water.

It's important to know that
the water is there, even if unseen—
that the well is a well for sure,
with water, for what if I dropped
one rock after another,
only to hear nothing, or a thud,

with no splash, no sounds for the imagination,
no reveries of how the deep water could
be used for whatever I might desire.

Yes, the water is there,
and when I can't tell for sure that it is,

I drop the rocks anyway, listening and listening,
hating the uneasiness that comes up on days
when anyone might leave a situation
and go stand by the well to drop a few rocks,
to hear the water again.

I just keep dropping the rocks and expecting,
for if I ever decided that the well is really dry,
I'd never go stand there, leaning again,
dropping rocks like a fool.

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### Other Poetry by Brian Coatney

If you want to read great poetry, check out this link below. It has 17 new poems inspired by the Holy Spirit and overflowing with Brian's own creative style.

[17 Poems by Brian Coatney](#)

## Prayer Request

All prayer request sent to the Liberating Secret web-site will be send to Art and Fran Giles, our newly appointed Christ, Our Life Ministries intercessors. E-mail them at:  
[deepwaters@roadrunner.com](mailto:deepwaters@roadrunner.com)

## Words of Faith

Let us all stand in FAITH agreement for a Spiritual  
**"TITAL WAVE,"** that will first rock the  
Christian community, and then wash out to the  
whole world.

This would be the fulfillment of a prophecy Dan Stone make at a Louisville conference in the mid

1980's.

**"Whatsoever you desire."**

**Mark 11:22-24**

Need produces desire; desire produces faith; faith quenches the pain of desire, and leaps and "laughs at the impossible and shouts, IT SHALL BE DONE." Sylvia Pearce...actually a little of Sylvia and a lot of CT Studd

**This Month's Article:**

**A Name: What's in It?**

**(Caution: Graphic Biblical Content)**

**Ron Block**



A name is more than a convenient handle; it's an identity. My family names, the lineage of my father and mother, contain both good and evil - remnants of the Fall. For most of my life I've identified with those names, and have felt the push and pull of the good and evil of my forebears. In this struggle of life, our name determines and dictates much of our experience. I have relatives who struggle with various forms of addiction and the revolving door of prison; their circumstances are the natural outcome of the identities they are believing in and relying on.

But for Christ, we would be doomed to more or less struggle in our various earthly names forever. In Jesus Christ a way has opened for humans to receive a new name; we have been offered a place - and a name - in the Royal Family. Ephesians 3 says that the whole family in heaven and earth is named by the name of the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our new lineage, our pedigree, our genealogy. We have been put in Christ, have died

to the old name and the old false identities built on our human ancestors and our mothers and fathers, and now, even now, we are named with this new name, the name of this Father of the Lord. The old names, the names of our earthly lineage, no longer apply. What names are in our lineage? Alcoholic. Loser. Adulterer. Murderer. Abuser. Blasphemer. Suicide. Worrier. Rich Man. Poor Man. Good Man. Bad Man. We can check all these off the list, and in fact throw the list in the trash, because we have a new name: Christ-Man. Christ-Woman. Indwelt son and daughter of God. One Spirit with the Lord. King. Priest. Holy. Beloved. Overcomer.

The name Block, with all its attendant history, lineage, pedigree, no longer applies for me. Don't get me wrong; I love my Dad, my Mom, brothers, sisters. But something fundamental has happened to me in Christ. That old name has been cut off, circumcised in him; the old-man Adamic lineage, with its attendant tag "Sinner," was cut off.

Circumcision is a symbolic act that foreshadowed the future, the Redeemer cutting away from God's people their old-man identity. Colossians 3 says we "*have* put off the old man with his deeds," and "*have* put on the new man, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." Colossians 2 says, "In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ" Romans 6:4 says we are "buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Baptism is the New Testament equivalent of circumcision, a cutting off of the old life and entering into the new.

Let's get a little graphic here to see what God is getting at. When a person in the Old Testament was circumcised, what did he do with his cut-off foreskin? Did he carry it around in a baggie as a treasured memento of the

old life, or keep it in a jar on his shelf? Did the thing try to sew itself back on later? None of the above; it was thrown out on the dunghill. Why?

It was dunghill trash because it was dead and *no longer part of him*. It was nothing but a dead, rotting piece of flesh, no longer part of his identity, in fact no longer related to him in any way. The rite of circumcision meant a complete break with the old life and a wholehearted entrance into the new.

Now, if we are circumcised in Christ with the circumcision made without hands, buried with him through baptism into death, what has been cut off?

*The old identity.* The old name. The old lineage, with every bad and good name in the book that was part of our earthly family line, Adam's race, infected with "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works *in* (get that, *in*) the children of disobedience." (disobedience in the Greek is *apeithia*, literally "the unconvinced"). *That false indwelling lord is now cut off in Christ.* That old union with him is the very essence of the old man. It is circumcised, cut away from us, and thrown on the dunghill. Good riddance.

I've heard people say "Well, the old man comes down off the Cross sometimes." "We've got to crucify the old man." But get this: He's *dead*, and we *are* cut off from all that, here, now, forever. He can't come down from the Cross, because his life is over. That's what circumcision in Christ *is*. The devil schemes constantly to deceive us out of living from our new name and rightful lineage. He works tirelessly to prevent God's people from accessing our limitless riches in Christ; George MacDonald wrote in *Phantastes*,

*"Shadow of me...which art not me, but which representest thyself to me as me; here I may find a shadow of light which will devour thee, the*

## *shadow of darkness!"*

That's Satan's game; to masquerade and parade his lying thoughts as our own, getting us to live from that old, dead, cut-off, old man foreskin which doesn't even exist anymore except as rot in a pile of dung. The old man, that false union of Ephesians 2:2, died with Christ; if Christ died, the old man died. Back when we *were* the old man, we were put *in Christ on the Cross*. He "became sin for us" not only by taking the penalty due our sins, but by taking into himself all those thousands and millions of old man identities throughout history. This wasn't just "paying our sin debt." In his love he had to separate us from that old name, that old identity of "vessel of wrath, child of the devil, prince-of-the-power-of-the-air-indwelt humanity." And so *we* as the old man were put into him; that false union of Ephesians 2:2 that we all had entered into the center of Jesus Christ. It literally *burst* that pure, beautiful heart to have such muck and filth put inside him after an entire lifetime and a pre-existent eternity as a unity with the pure, beautiful Father. His love-act killed him; when the centurion went back to the Cross, he found Jesus hanging there dead, way ahead of the normal crucifixion death-schedule.

When Jesus Christ died, the old "I" in Adam which had been placed in him *died*. The old man identity of a believer is as dead as a road-kill; we've got to fully *get that* before we can move on and be who we really are. The Mack truck of Justice and Mercy ran the old man clean over. *That's* why we're to put off the deeds of the old man - not because he's alive and we're to fight him, but because he's dead and he is no longer "I". "When I sin it is no longer I that sins, but sin which dwelleth in me," says Paul in Romans 7. This is how Paul can say, "For you were once darkness; now you are light in the Lord. Live, then, as children of light." You *were* darkness. Old man. Sinner. Enemy of God. Child of the devil. Now you *are* light in the Lord. New man. Righteous. Friend of God. Child of God. And Paul says, in effect, "Now *be*

*that. Live in it. Manifest your real identity.*" That's also his argument in 1 Cor 6 and many other places: "Don't you know your body is the temple of the Lord? He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Are you going to take your body and join it with a prostitute? Flee fornication." The Pauline pattern is always identity, then behavior, because reliance upon our real identity, trusting in Christ himself at the root of our being, produces the righteous life that God desires. "You *were* once darkness (old man identity); now you *are* light in the Lord (new man identity). Live, then, as children of light (*be* who you really are)." Read Paul's letters and you'll see that he rarely talks about behavior before extensive reiteration of our new identity. He does this especially in Ephesians and Colossians; if you read them with this in mind you'll see the distinction: Eph 1-3: Identity - Eph 4-6: Behavior. Col 1-2: Identity - Col 3-4 Behavior.

We have a new name, the name of our indwelling God. A totally new identity and lineage, with absolute power to overcome all the unbelief the devil has built up in our psyches, all the ruts of false self-coping mechanisms built in a lifetime of human interaction. And now, the only thing left for us is to be transformed in our actions on a daily basis. How? It all happens by renewing our minds to the real truth, in a Christ-directed life which uses the devil as resistance training. We've got to internally recognize and *rely* upon the eternal truth of our circumcision, the cutting-off of the old man which Jesus did once for all time. "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation." Period. And now the prince of the power of the air is no longer part of our identity; he is merely part of our training; his opposition makes our faith-choice possible.

What's in a name? Well, in the new name, our true name, *power*. Completeness. Holiness. Life-change. Purpose. Meaning. Everything we've been looking for. In the old name? *Sin*. The hamster wheel of self-effort: try-sin-repent-try-sin-repent, ad nauseum (believe me, it'll go on forever until we

jump off in faith). Striving, lacking, incompleteness, unholiness. Frustration. "I keep doing what I don't want to do! I'm not doing the good things I want to do!" Life under the Law and so under the Curse. That's what Paul describes in Romans 7. But we're not meant to stay in Romans 7; we're meant to move on and live in 8 and even 9, where we willingly give our lives - and if it were possible even our salvation - for others.

As believers, we choose daily. The Christian life is not a pie-in-the-sky concept; it is a here-and-now commitment to taking God at his written Word, and through faith watching the Living Word flow through us in our experience. It's our choice: Am I defined by my heavenly Father? Or does my earthly Adam-lineage determine my identity? Our actions will flow spontaneously as a result of the inner choice.

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