

My Birth Certificate

If anyone would ask me how I know that I am my father's child, I will show that person my birth certificate. That is my proof of the fact that he is my father and I am his child!

If anyone would ask me whether I am a child of God, God's child, I will bring forth and show that person my spiritual birth certificate. It is found in John chapter 1 verse 12.

'But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name.' This is my spiritual birth certificate which I received from God!

I know, on a personal level, that I was present when I applied the two conditions in this verse and therefore obtained the right from God to become a child of God from that very day onward.

What are the two conditions?

1. *But as many as received him,*
2. *to them that believe on his name*

The first condition is to receive Christ as my Saviour. Before I could do so I had to admit who I am. I had to admit that I am a sinner.

"everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence."
Romans 3 verse 23

That implicated the shocking discovery that I am a lost soul.

"For sin pays its wage—death;" Romans 6 verse 23

I also discovered that I can do nothing to free myself from this tragic situation. Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary because of my sins and because of my hopeless situation.

"God offered him, so that by his blood he should become the means by which people's sins are forgiven through their faith in him." Romans 3 vers 25 - 26

My responsibility was to admit my position. To close my eyes in prayer and to share my discovery with Jesus Christ. I prayed this prayer in sincerity:

'Jesus Christ, I discovered that I am lost. I sinned against you many times. I can not redeem myself. You died on the cross of Calvary on my behalf. Thank you for your unspeakable love. I accept you as my Lord and Saviour and receive you into my life'.

The second condition was: To believe in his name. The name of Jesus. Eternal life is a free gift offered to you and me. You can not deserve it, or buy it, or labour for it. You can only receive this gift of eternal life by accepting it, claiming it, receive it from the giver Jesus Christ who paid the whole ransom to free you.

"but God's free gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6 verse 23

Discovering this amazing fact I prayed the following prayer:

'Jesus I believe in your name. You paid the ransom to set me free. I now accept the gift of the eternal life from you as a wonderful gift. I claim it in this very moment. Thank you for this precious gift that I received from you'.

Both these conditions are now being fulfilled. The result is that God promises in his bible:

'to them gave he the right to become children of God,'

I recommend that you follow my example and use the same words that I prayed. Do so right now.

I suggest that you do a very simple application. Write your first name in the following text:

'But as _____ many as received him, to _____

them gave he the right to become children of God, even

to _____ them that believe on his name.'

Today's date _____

Your signature _____

This is now your spiritual birth certificate. Print it on paper and keep a copy in your bible as a proof of this day's surrender to Christ.

An important recommendation:

Also read and study the document 'Truths and Guidelines' in this website.