

# A warm welcome:

Come to the Gospel Hall, Sundays at 6:30 pm

## Meetings (if the Lord wills)

### Lord's Day

1:30 pm Sunday School

6:30 pm Gospel Meeting

### Tuesday

8:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Reading

### Saturday (October - April third Saturday each month)

7:00 pm Bible Reading

“thou knowest not what a day  
may bring forth”

Proverbs 27.1

## Enquiries

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## Don't know

It is a very rare thing to hear anyone say "I don't know." We are very slow to admit our ignorance. We hear people say in a general way, "everybody knows this or that." However, there are things that we don't know and it would be good if we were prepared to admit it!

There was a company of people in the Bible who professed they had everything. They said, as a collective company, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." They were totally self satisfied, did not need nor did they want any external assistance. In their estimation they had all they desired, they wanted for nothing and were proud of it. However, there was another who also made an assessment and that was God. He said that they knew, "not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked," Revelation 3.17. It would be good for us to assess our state before God and accept His infallible summary of the human race, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3.23. Please, when asked of your condition before a Holy God do not say that you don't know because after reading the above paragraph you now do know!

It is recorded in John's gospel chapter three, that a very religious man came to the Lord Jesus Christ one night to ask Him about eternal matters. The Lord Jesus, God's only and eternal Son said to him, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." This really confused the religious man who answered, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was thinking in terms of being born physically and perhaps there were the seeds of the nonsense of reincarnation. However the Lord Jesus was speaking of a spiritual birth from above. Only those who have been born again will ever enter the heavenly kingdom. This is not religion, philosophy, deeds of kindness etc., it is being born again into God's family to be one of God's children and to enjoy God's heaven for all eternity. The religious man ought to have known about these things.

In v10, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?" Religious men who profess Christianity should know these things and should preach them. They are like the Pharisees of the Bible days of whom the Lord Jesus said, "woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in," Matthew 23.13.

How this new birth could take place was Nicodemus' problem. The answer is in v14-16, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Through the death of the Lord Jesus on the cross, where He was lifted up and our belief in Him, God promises to give us, as a free gift, "eternal" or "everlasting life." This is not so much endless existence, which is the portion of every person, but eternal life is enjoying the life of God now and entering into it in all its fulness in eternity.

You may say I have plenty of time to think about this and will deal with this matter before I die. But there is another thing which we don't know. Proverbs 27.1, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Those thousands of people who left for work in New York and Washington on 11th September 2001, didn't know what was about to happen. Their plans were made, their lives stretched out before them, they probably were looking forward to family occasions and happy times and suddenly, literally out of the blue there came disaster. My dear reader, are you ready to meet God? The prophet Amos told the people of his day, "Prepare to meet thy God," Amos 4.12; 2 Corinthians 6.2, "behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Tomorrow may be too late!