

As NEWBORN Babes...DESIRE

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To become a Christian, you first must hear the Word of God, which brings faith and conviction because of your sins. After you repent to God, you are born into His family by the Holy Spirit:



*"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye **MUST** be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth [determines], and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is **EVERY-ONE** that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:6-8).*

As a newborn, you are also given the Holy Ghost to dwell within you, "sealed unto the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30).

*"**IF** the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:11).*



The Sincere Milk

As God's new born baby, you have His divine character, His very nature (2 Peter 1:4). Because you are now **IN** Christ and Christ **IN** you, you are now "...a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, ALL THINGS are become NEW" (2 Cor. 5:17).

And just like a newborn baby from the flesh, it is natural for you to be spiritually hungry and thirsty for the Word of God. That's why the Holy Spirit makes this distinction between those who are, and are not:

"...As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may GROW thereby: IF SO BE ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (1 Peter 2:1-3).

It is **BY NATURE** that babes in Christ desire, not

just any kind of milk, but **SINCERE** milk. The word "sincere" means undeceitful. Just as contaminated milk affects the health of an ordinary baby, so does milk that is **not PURE** affects the growth of a babe in Christ.

*"It is written, Man **SHALL NOT LIVE** by bread alone, but by **EVERY WORD** that PROCEEDETH OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD" (Matthew 4:4).*

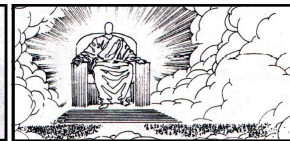
In these last days, however, the world does not believe that God spoke words which proceeded out of His mouth, and holy men wrote them down. So fulfills the word of the prophet Amos:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. And they shall wander sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the Word of the Lord, and SHALL NOT FIND IT" (Amos 8:11,12).

The children of God, by faith, are fed daily by the true milk of the Word and "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

Newborn babes naturally desire the **PURE** word (Psalm 12:6) of God, that they may grow, being led of the Spirit of God, **IF SO BE** that they have tasted the **GRACE** of God. Do you "hunger and thirst after righteousness..." (Matthew 5:6)?

If not, may this be the day you bow before God alone and ask Him to save you. It's better to bow now, than to stand before Him later at the Judgment. The choice is yours.



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