



High Value Living



Lesson

Happy Birthday!

A wonderful miracle happens when you sincerely thank Jesus for what He has done for you and receive Him into your life:

“To all those who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God” John 1:12.

Born into God’s Family

When a religious man approached Jesus about how to really know God, Jesus told him very clearly: *“You must be born again!”* Jesus called it being born of the Spirit — *“Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit” John 3:6-7.*

Jesus was using natural birth to picture spiritual birth. A baby has no knowledge or contact with the outside world before it is born, and in the same way every individual who has not been born of the Spirit of God has no knowledge or contact with God. Before natural birth a baby has *eyes but it can’t yet see*. It has *ears but it can’t fully hear*. It has a *mouth but no ability to communicate*. But when a baby is born all its faculties are put into use. So it is with spiritual birth. When you are born again by the Spirit of God, your spiritual “eyesight” is opened; you can “hear” God speak to your heart and prayer becomes a real communication with the Lord.

The Breath of the Spirit

The first thing a baby does when it is born is breathe air for the first time. And when you receive Jesus God breathes His Spirit into you and you are “born again” (John 20:22).

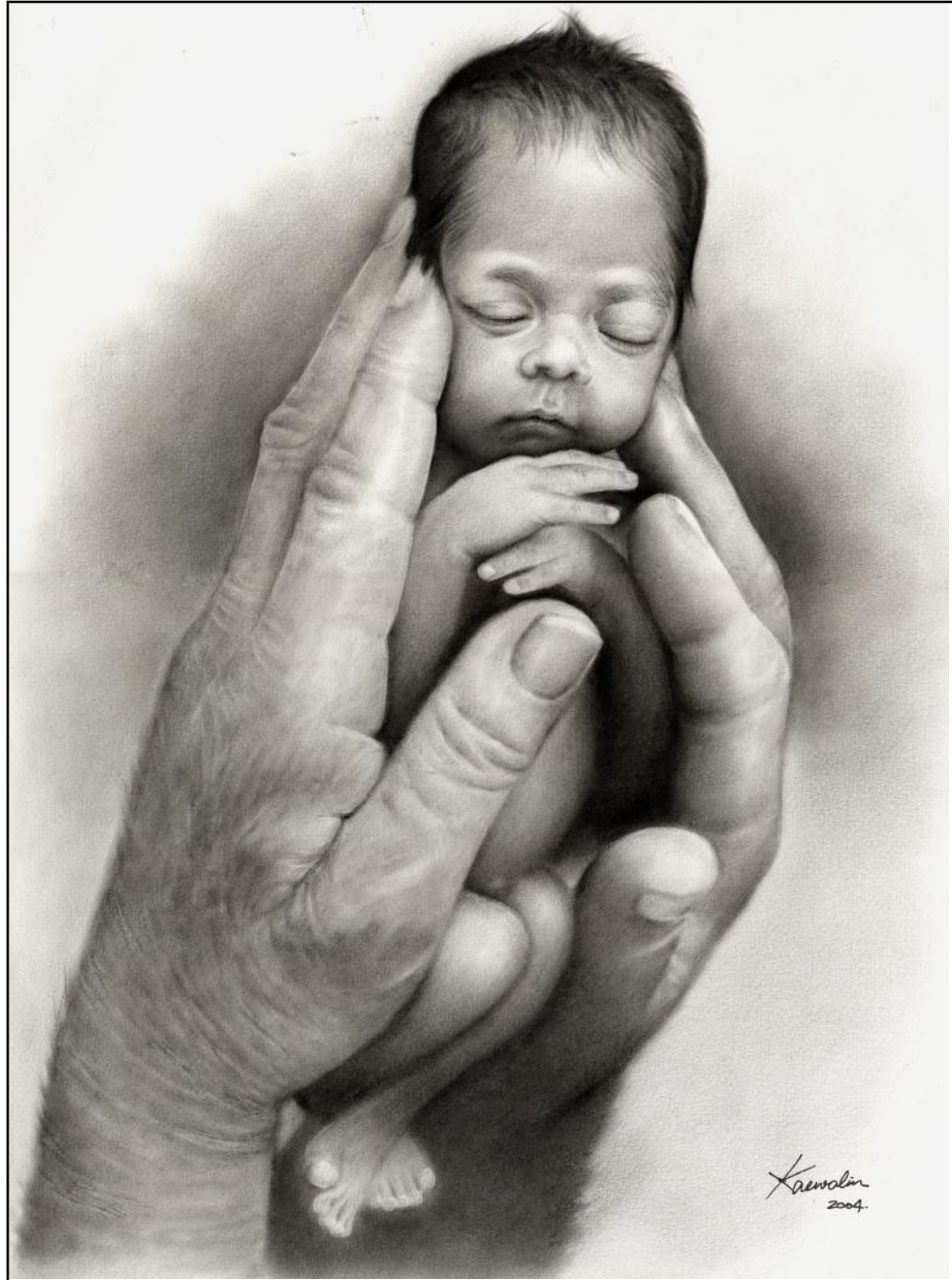
God’s great desire is for you to be part of His family. This now gives you a whole new perspective on life. You become a child of God, not because of anything you do to earn it, but because of God’s great love and mercy toward you. You are a child of God because of something that *God* did for you (Ephesians 2:8-9).

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” 1 Peter 1:3.

A Wonderful Birthday Gift

When you are born into God’s family, God gives you the most wonderful birthday gift you could ever have — *eternal life!* John 3:16.

In the Father's Hands



**A whole new life.
A new beginning**

