

Spring Rains Are Here!

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As I write this, I am watching Spring come to life! Green grass is popping up out of a seemingly lifeless landscape. It is wonderful, exhilarating, and beautiful. Not just because I'm tired of winter, which I am, but because it affirms the power and existence of God all over again. God once destroyed the entire earth with a flood because of the wickedness of mankind (Gen. 6-8). Eight souls from Noah's family remained alone, and after the flood they offered a sacrifice to the Lord. In response to this, Genesis 8 says:

"Then the LORD said in His heart, 'I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease'" (Gen. 8:21-22).

God is longsuffering to wicked mankind, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to eternal life (2 Pet. 3:9). Every Spring we are reminded of the resurrection of life from the dead. Jesus Christ is the first to rise from the dead never to die again (1 Cor. 15:20-21, 23). As Jesus Himself said "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death" (Rev. 1:8). Jesus Christ is our eternal Spring (2 Tim. 1:10) for which I am eternally grateful.

Yes, Spring rains are here. They might even contain a little snow, or hail, or other freezing precipitation. But I know the difference between Spring rains and winter weather, and so does nature! You can smell it in the air, feel it in your bones, and rejoice at the evidence of new life all around. It is just like that when one becomes a Christian, arising out of the waters of baptism to "newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" 2 Corinthians 5:17. How wonderful!

Dear reader, if you haven't renewed your life in Christ by the new birth, won't you do so today?

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