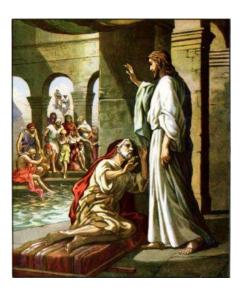
#321 Healing Blind Men with Clay – The Church is *spiritually* blind because of the *natural* birth doctrine of 'God-given natural birthrights'

John 9:1 (KJV) And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

The Lord ordained that Jesus Christ heal a man *blind <u>from</u>* <u>his birth</u> for the purpose of illustrating that *all men are spiritually blind at their natural births*. Only by being born again through Jesus Christ (John 3:3) can they be healed of their spiritual blindness. However . . .

Key Understanding: Most born again believers have remained *spiritually* blind as to the true gospel and the true meaning of the Cross (as pertains to themselves) because of their belief in and their abiding in a false doctrine that has to do with the *natural births* of men. The doctrine that has kept the Church spiritually blind is found in the Declaration of Independence of the United States. The doctrine is that all men are given 'God-given unalienable (*natural birth*) rights' at their natural births.



The United States Declaration of Independence reads in part:



The signing of the Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that **they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable** <u>*Rights*</u> [and thus "God-given Unalienable Rights"], **that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness**.

What is *below* was also seen in Unsealing <u>#272</u> The Cross of Jesus Christ vs. the Rights of Man – The false doctrine of Natural Birthrights to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

The word Rights is actually a shortened version of natural birthrights

The word *Rights* in the Declaration of Independence (as shown *above*) is actually a shortened version of the phrase '*natural birth<u>rights</u>*.' In other words, the philosophical doctrine of *natural rights* means that the Declaration of Independence could actually read . . . they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable *natural birth<u>rights</u>* [and thus "God-given Unalienable *natural birthrights*"], that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Key Understanding (of Unsealing <u>#272</u>): *The false doctrine of natural birthrights*. The doctrine that all men have a *natural birthright* to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness – simply because they are born as human beings – cannot be found in the Bible. Scripture tells us that "*in Adam all die*" (1 Corinthians 15:22). At our natural birth, we are "*sown in corruption*" and "*sown in weakness*" (1 Corinthians 15:42-43). In fact, it is that very corruption and weakness that makes us erroneously believe that we should seek "unalienable rights" to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

The truth is that God created man with a free moral agency to either (1) pursue one's Life, Liberty, and Happiness, or (2) *"deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow"* Jesus Christ (Mark 8:34). Indeed, because of what occurred at the Fall, the Lord allows man the "right" to seek Life, Liberty, and Happiness, but the exercising of that so-called *natural birthright* is what leads to eternal death.

Let's repeat the Key Understanding (with a very slight change).



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