



# the CHRISTIAN'S COUPLETS

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Upon receiving Christ as Saviour, the believer finds his life launching out in a series of twos or couplets. Before becoming saved a person may have said of this life "it's good" but once we're saved we can say "it's getting gooder." A God of double portions (Job 42:10 and II Kings 2:9) makes it "gooder" by adding something better to that which we had.

**1. Two birthdays:**

- 1) Physical – the day of one's birth.
- 2) Spiritual – the day we were born again – John 3:7.

**2. Two baptisms:**

- 1) Spiritual – Baptized into the body of Christ - I Cor 12: 13.
- 2) Water – Public Identification with Him that we have been raised to newness of life – Romans 6:4, Acts 8:36-38.

**3. Two natures:**

- 1) Old nature
- 2) New nature Galatians 5:16-27.

**4. Two churches:**

- 1) Invisible – members of His spiritual organism, stones of different colors in the church God is building. – I Peter 2:5.
- 2) Visible – the physical church, the local church we are to attend, support, and carry out God's work. – Romans 16:5, I Cor 1:2.

**5. Two families:**

- 1) Earthly – Eph 5:22, 6:4.
- 2) Heavenly – Eph 3:4-15.

**6. Two worlds:**

- 1) Our universe – John 3:16.
- 2) God's abode - John 17:16.

**7. Two responsibilities:**

- 1) Earthly – work as a means of livelihood – II Thess 3:10, Eph 6:5.
- 2) Heavenly – we are God's missionaries in a foreign land – Acts 1:8, II Cor 5:30, I Thess 2:4.

**8. Two types of food:**

- 1) Earthly – Note Prov 30:8, John 6:1-13.
- 2) Heavenly – John 4:32, Jer 15:16.

**9. Two types of apparel:**

- 1) Earthly – James 2:2.
- 2) Spiritual – Romans 13:14, Eph 6:11-13.

**10. Two bodies:**

- 1) Earthly, aging, decaying body – II Cor 5:1-4, I Cor 15:53.
- 2) Changed, glorified body promised to the child of God – Phillipians 3:21, I Cor 15:52,53.

**11. Two types of weapons:**

- 1) Carnal or human – II Cor 10:4, We are not to use these – John 18:10-11.
- 2) Spiritual – II Cor 10:4,5.



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