

BORN AGAIN - a life empowered by the Spirit of God.

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with Him."

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

*Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"
John 3:1-9*

WHY MUST I BE BORN AGAIN?

Jesus says that unless we are born again:

"you cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:3

"you cannot enter the kingdom of God". John 3:5

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE BORN AGAIN?

" But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name : who are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of the will of God." John 1:12-13

We are born from above or 'born again' on the basis of **believing** and then **receiving** Jesus by His Spirit into our lives.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I AM BORN AGAIN?

Once I am "born again", that is "born from above":

- I am delivered from the power of darkness and conveyed into the kingdom of the Son of His love.
Colossians 1:13
- I am a new creation now that I have this new spiritual birth

because Christ dwells in me.

Galatians 2:20

- I cannot sin because I have been born of God. *1 John 3:9*
- I guard myself so that I do not sin and the wicked one does not touch me. *1 John 5:18*
- I have love for others because I know God. *1 John 4:7*
- His seed remains in me. *1 John 3:9*
- Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. *1 John 4:7*

I am a spiritual being through my new birth and I live in victory when I know these truths.

I BECOME A CHILD OF GOD

It is God's desire (will) that I am born again. John speaks of those "*who are born of the will of the Father*" (*John 1:13*) having "*the right to become children of God*". *John 1:12*

"Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures". James 1:18

I am born again into God's family and become a citizen of the kingdom of God. (Philippians 3:20)

MY SPIRITUAL LIFE IS QUICKENED

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” John 3:6

The flesh birth is my natural birth into this world- the choice of human parents.

My spiritual birth is God’s will for me to be born ‘from above’ of the spirit. I am a new creation because I have been born according to the Spirit and the Spirit of God my Father is in me.

God had promised His Seed and the victory He would win, in the garden of Eden. (*Genesis 3:15*)

To be born again means that I receive this victorious Seed [Jesus] into my life and live my life in the victory that He has won over sin and death.

By faith I believe the promise of God’s word [the seed] and receive Jesus [the Seed] into my life.

AN UNDERSTANDING FROM EPHESIANS 1 & 2

I now live in a supernatural realm with

- Every spiritual blessing from God ***Eph. 1:3***
- Redemption through His blood ***Eph.1:7***
- Forgiveness of sins ***Eph.1:7***
- Revelation knowledge ***Eph.1:9***
- A supernatural inheritance ***Eph.1:11***
- Supernatural wisdom and knowledge of God ***Eph.1:17***
- Supernatural company because I am seated in Christ in heavenly places ***Eph.2:6***
- Equal access with all mankind to God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son ***Eph.2:18***

A MAN IS BORN AGAIN IN THE GOSPELS

Read the story of Zacchaeus in ***Luke 19:1-10***

- Zacchaeus was curious to see Jesus (v.3)
- He received Jesus joyfully (v.6)
- He exhibited repentance by making restitution (8)

Jesus announced that the faith shown by Zacchaeus brought salvation to his house (v.9)

To be born again, we are to be like Zacchaeus:

- Desiring to know more about Jesus
- Receiving Him joyfully into our lives
- Responding by faith to His words

Nothing can destroy my ‘born again’ relationship with God because it is based upon the word [the incorruptible seed] of God which is totally reliable.

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