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BORN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The New Birth Is the Beginning of Spiritual Life

JOHN 3:1-8 KJV

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Born of the Holy Spirit

describes the new birth that only God can produce. Nicodemus was religious, educated, and respected, but Jesus told him that he still needed to be born again. Natural birth produces natural life, but the Holy Spirit produces spiritual life. Salvation is therefore more than joining a church, improving behavior, or adopting religious beliefs.

The Spirit's work in the new birth is compared to the wind. The wind itself is unseen, but its effects can be recognized. In the same way, the Holy Spirit gives life within and begins producing visible results through new desires, new understanding, and a new relationship with God.

No person can produce his own spiritual birth. The sinner believes on Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit gives life. To be led by the Holy Spirit, a person must first be born of the Holy Spirit. Spiritual activity can never substitute for the life that God alone gives.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES: NEW LIFE COMES FROM GOD

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 KJV

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

TITUS 3:5 KJV

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

NEW LIFE FROM GOD



BORN AGAIN BY THE WORD

1 PETER 1:23 KJV

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

THE WIND IS UNSEEN,
BUT ITS EFFECTS ARE RECOGNIZED.

"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN."

JOHN 3:7 KJV