

# YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

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Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, 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, “Truly, truly, 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.** (John 3:3-6) ESVS

*We need to understand there are two separate experiences with the Holy Spirit. The first is the salvation of your eternal Soul (Peace with God - Phil. 4:6,7); and the second is for power to witness (Ministry - Acts 1:8). There is much confusion in the churches on this subject. Later we will explain the difference between these two works of Grace. But in this study we will focus on the first; **“You must be Born Again.”***

***The First Experience;** (Saved, Born Again, Redeemed by the Blood of Jesus)*

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, **Peace be unto you:** as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, **he breathed on them,** and **saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:** (John 20:19-22)

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now **if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.** (Rom. 8:9)

*Notice the disciples were Born Again at this point. They were saved and going to Heaven. When you receive the Spirit you are Saved, Born Again, Justified, Sanctified, Regenerated, and a New Creation in Christ Jesus. Notice, they also received the Peace with God (Phil. 4:6,7 & Eph. 2:14,15). Peace is the primary fruit of salvation. But, you also get another kind of peace, Peace of God (Col. 3:15). Can you tell the difference?*

### *The Process of Salvation (3 steps)*

In him you also, when you **heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation,** and **believed in him,** were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,** who is the **guarantee of our inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. (Eph. 1:13,14) ESVS

*1. **Heard the Word of Truth** (The Gospel of Jesus Christ)*

*2. then you **Believed***

*3. and were **Sealed** with the Holy Spirit*

*We have not received the full benefits of the Kingdom yet, just a down payment of what is to come. At present we walk by faith until we get to Glory by (dying or rapture). In the Old Testament men could not get sealed by the Holy Spirit. Because Jesus had not shed His Blood yet. The Holy Spirit could only come upon them momentarily to perform a certain task and then He would leave! Example Samson (Judges 15:11-20), Saul (1 Sam. 10:1-13), David (1 Sam. 16:10-14): The Cross made it possible for the Mighty Holy Spirit reside (live) in us today.*

***This First Experience is Baptism INTO CHRIST** (by the Holy Spirit)*

What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God,** and **ye are not your own?** For **ye are bought with a price:** therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Cor. 6:19,20)

For by **one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,** whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and **have been all made to drink into one Spirit.** (1 Cor. 12:13)

For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have **put on Christ.** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are **all one in Christ Jesus.** And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Gal. 3:27-29)

Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were **baptized into his death**? Therefore **we are buried with him by baptism into death**: that **like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father**, even so **we also should walk in newness of life**. For if we **have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection**: (Rom. 6:3-5)

Whom also ye are **circumcised** with the **circumcision made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the **circumcision of Christ**: **Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also **ye are risen with him through the faith** of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **hath he quickened together with him**, having **forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out** the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nauling it to his cross**: (Col. 2:11-14)

*In this Baptism by the Holy Spirit; you are Born Again, have Eternal Life, redeemed by the Blood of Jesus, belong to God's Kingdom, received a new heart, and life from Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.*

**A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you:** and **I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.** (Ezek. 36:26)

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!** (2 Cor. 5:16,17)

Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; **what counts is a new creation.** (Gal. 6:15)