YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

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Jesus replied, "**I tell you the truth**, **unless you are born again**, **you cannot see the Kingdom of God**." "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" **Jesus replied**, "**I assure you**, **no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit**. **Humans can reproduce only human life**, **but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life**. So don't be surprised when I say, '**You must be born again**.' **The wind blows wherever it wants**. **Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going**, **so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit**." (John 3:3-8) NLT

What Does this Mean? *(BORN AGAIN by the Holy Spirit)*
Notice there are two types of births, One is from God above and the other is Earthly by man. Also notice man cannot understand how and why God does things. Nicodemus was a great religious leader (Pharisee) but did not understand the things of God, the very one who he claimed to serve! This tells us that you can be very religious with Doctorate degrees, go to Church all your life and still not be saved and end up in Hell! There are many in Church today that are not Born Again (from above). They make up what you would call the Natural Social Church. God's Church is birthed through His SPIRIT! ***"Let's Pray"***

Three Types of Minds*. (Natural, Carnal, and the Spiritual)*

Natural Mind *verses the* ***Spiritual Mind***

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. **There is a natural body**, and there is **a spiritual body**. And so it is written, **The first man Adam was made a living soul**; **the last Adam was made a quickening spirit**. **Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual**, **but that which is natural**; **and afterward that which is spiritual**. **The first man is of the earth**, **earthy**: **the second man is the Lord from heaven**. **As is the earthy**, **such are they also that are earthy**: **and as is the heavenly**, **such are they also that are heavenly**.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, **we shall also bear the image of the heavenly**. (1 Cor. 15:44-49)

You either have been Born Again and have Christ's spiritual mind, or you are not Born Again and have Adam's Earthly Natural mind born of Sin!

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: **for they are foolishness unto him**: **neither can he know them**, **because they are spiritually discerned**. **But he that is spiritual judgeth all things**, **yet he himself is judged of no man**. **For who hath known the mind of the Lord**, **that he may instruct him**? **But we have the mind of Christ**. (1 Cor. 2:14-16)

The Carnal Mind *(Saved but Not Spiritual)*

And I, **brethren**, **could not speak unto you as unto spiritual**, **but as unto carnal**, **even as unto babes in Christ**. **I have fed you with milk**, **and not with meat**: **for hitherto ye were not able to bear it**, **neither yet now are ye able**. **For ye are yet carnal**: **for whereas there is among you envying**, **and strife**, **and divisions**, **are ye not carnal**, **and walk as men**? For while one saith, **I am of Paul**; **and another**, **I am of Apollos**; **are ye not carnal**? **Who then is Paul**, **and who is Apollos**, **but ministers by whom ye believed**, **even as the Lord gave to every man**? **I have planted**, **Apollos watered**; **but God gave the increase**. **So then neither is he that planteth any thing**, **neither he that watereth**; **but God that giveth the increase**. **Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one**: **and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour**. **For we are labourers together with God**: **ye are God's husbandry**, **ye are God's building**.
(1 Cor. 3:1-9)

God Reveals Himself to Man through His SPIRIT; "SPIRIT to spirit"
*God communes through the spirit of man, not the soul and body (remember man is a Triune being). For deeper explanation see (study # **2**):*

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, **searching all the inward parts of the belly**. (Prov. 20:27)

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, **that we are the children of God**: (Rom. 8:16).

Brethren, **the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit**. Amen. (Gal. 6:18)
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. (Philemon 25)

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **And that ye put on the new man**, **which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness**. (Eph. 4:23,24)

Like Nicodemus Most in Church Are Not Spiritual Christians
Jesus told Nicodemus, all's you know is a carnal religion from Earth, you know nothing about Heaven where I Am from! Don't be to hard on old Nicodemus, there are a lot of Nicodemuses in the modern Church today. They are called the social religious Church that seeks their salvation by works and not Faith!

Having a form of godliness, **but denying the power thereof** *(Holy Spirit)*: **from such turn away**. (2 Tim. 3:5)

This is the reason why many people in the so called Church vote against the things of God (Democrats etc…). Don't be deceived, God's people (the Real Church) will never go against the scripture (WORD) and His SPIRIT (the Holy Spirit). That how you can really tell the fake Christians from the Real!

Beloved, **believe not every spirit**, **but try the spirits whether they are of God**: **because many false prophets are gone out into the world**. (1 John 4:1)

God's People Worship God in SPIRIT and in TRUTH *(WORD)*

But the hour cometh, and now is, **when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth**: **for the Father seeketh such to worship him**. **God is a Spirit**: **and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth**. (John 4:23,24)

Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth**. (John 17:17)
So let's examine what the Real Church looks like so we can identify the fake one. American Banks train their cashiers by examining real money, that way they can immediately identify a fake one. That's how a mature Christian should be. Shame on any mature Christian that gets deceived by the devil.

Paul Lived by the Power of God's Word

Yea doubtless, and **I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord**: **for whom I have suffered the loss of all things**, **and do count them but dung**, **that I may win Christ**, **And be found in him**, **not having mine own righteousness**, **which is of the law**, **but that which is through the faith of Christ**, **the righteousness which is of God by faith**: **That I may know him**, **and the power of his resurrection**, **and the fellowship of his sufferings**, **being made conformable unto his death**; **If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead**. (Phil.3:8-11)

This is the key to know if you really are Born Again! He tells us that the things of the world and it's temptations no longer have any power over him. He treats the tempting luxuries that the world loves as Dung in order to personally know Christ and the power of His Resurrection. Notice his righteousness now comes by faith in what Jesus did for him! No longer does he rely on his religion or of good works.

Notice Paul also Lived by the Power of the Holy Spirit

For what man knoweth the things of a man, **save the spirit of man which is in him**? **even so the things of God knoweth no man**, **but the Spirit of God**. **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world**, **but the spirit which is of God**; **that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God**. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but **which the Holy Ghost teacheth**; **comparing spiritual things with spiritual**. **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God**: **for they are foolishness unto him**: **neither can he know them**, **because they are spiritually discerned**. (1 Cor. 2:11-14)

In whom **ye also trusted**, **after that ye heard the word of truth**, **the gospel of your salvation**: **in whom also after that ye believed**, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**. (Eph. 1:13)

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**? (1 Cor. 6:19)

Examine yourselves, **whether ye be in the faith**; **prove your own selves**. **Know ye not your own selves**, **how that Jesus Christ is in you**, **except ye be reprobates**? (2 Cor. 13:5)

What Happens When you Truly Believe? "God Recreates Your Spirit"
In your spirit (not body & soul) you become a New Creation in the image and likeness of God! The old ways are gone and your desire is to serve God. Your soul and body are still susceptible to sin (world, flesh, devil). Your spirit is now made up of what God is made up of! Spirit substance!

Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: **old things are passed away**; **behold**, **all things are become new**. (2 Cor. 5:17)

And I will give them one heart, **and I will put a new spirit within you**; **and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh**, **and will give them an heart of flesh**: **That they may walk in my statutes**, **and keep mine ordinances**, **and do them**: **and they shall be my people**, **and I will be their God**.
(Ezek. 11:19-20)
But we all, **with open face beholding as in a glass** *(mirror)* **the glory of the Lord**, **are changed into the same image from glory to glory**, **even as by the Spirit of the Lord**. (2 Cor. 3:18)

Wherefore we henceforth know no man after the flesh: **even though we have known Christ after the flesh**, **yet now we know him so no more**. **Wherefore if any man is in Christ**, **he is a new creature**: **the old things are passed away**; **behold**, **they are become new**. (2 Cor. 5:16,17) ASV

How then are we Born Again from Above by the SPIRIT?

Notice the Process;
1. *you must Hear the Word of TRUTH; (The GOSPEL)* **1 Cor. 15:1-8**
2. *you must Believe and Trust*. **Prov. 3:5-8**
3. *you must be Sealed by the Holy Spirit*. **Rom. 8:9**

What's the Key here? ***When you Believed****; then you were Sealed by the Holy Spirit!*

So, in order to believe something you must hear it first, you can't believe on something you haven't heard. Next, you must Trust the message is True in order to Believe, your not going to believe a lie. And thirdly, when your believe is Right (The Gospel) you will be Sealed by the Holy Spirit! This is the process of being Born Again from Above! SIMPLY BELIEVE - what God has said!

There Are TWO ABSOLUTES in Scripture when it comes to Believing (The BLOOD and The FAITH)
If you do not fully understand these Two; "You are Not Saved!"

THE BLOOD

And, **having made peace through the blood of his cross**, **by him to reconcile all things unto himself**; **by him**, **I say**, **whether they be things in earth**, **or things in heaven**. (Col. 1:20)

With his own blood not the blood of goats and calves he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. (Heb. 9:12) NLT

Indeed, **under the law almost everything is purified with blood**, **and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins**. (Heb. 9:22) ESV

And they sung a new song, saying, **Thou art worthy to take the book**, **and to open the seals thereof**: **for thou wast slain**, **and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred**, **and tongue**, **and people**, **and nation**: (Rev. 5:9)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, **and by the word of their testimony** *(their Faith)*; **and they loved not their lives unto the death**.
(Rev. 12:11)

That is why, **when Christ came into the world**, **he said to God**, "**You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings**. **But you have given me a body to offer**. **You were not pleased with burnt offerings or other offerings for sin**. **Then I said**, '**Look**, **I have come to do your will**, **O God as is written about me in the Scriptures**.'" **First**, **Christ said**, "**You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings or burnt offerings or other offerings for sin**, **nor were you pleased with them**" (though they are required by the law of Moses).

Then he said, "**Look**, **I have come to do your will**." **He cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect**. **For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ**, **once for all time**. **Under the old covenant**, **the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day**, **offering the same sacrifices again and again**, **which can never take away sins**. **But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins**, **good for all time**. **Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand**. **There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet**. (Heb. 10:5-13) NLB

THE FAITH *(God's Warning of Rejecting the Blood Sacrifice)*

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, **let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it**. **For we also have had the gospel preached to us**, **just as they did**; **but the message they heard was of no value to them**, **because those who heard did not combine it with faith**. **Now we who have believed enter that rest**, just as God has said, "**So I declared on oath in my anger**, '**They shall never enter my rest**.'" **And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world**. (Heb. 4:1-3) NIV

How much worse punishment, **do you think**, **will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God**, **and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified**, **and has outraged the Spirit of grace**? For we know him who said, "**Vengeance is mine**; **I will repay**." And again, "**The Lord will judge his people**." **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God**. (Heb. 10:29-31) ESV

So do not throw away this confident trust *(Faith)* **in the Lord**. **Remember the great reward it brings you**! **Patient endurance is what you need now**, **so that you will continue to do God's will**. **Then you will receive all that he has promised**. "**For in just a little while**, **the Coming One will come and not delay**. **And my righteous ones will live by faith**. **But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away**." **But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction**. **We are the faithful ones**, **whose souls will be saved**.
(Heb. 10:35-39) NLT

But without faith it is impossible to please him: **for he that cometh to God must believe that he is**, **and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him**. (Heb. 11:6)

For by grace are ye saved through faith; **and that not of yourselves**: **it is the gift of God**: **Not of works**, **lest any man should boast**. (Eph. 2:8,9)
*Notice God's part is Grace, but our part is Faith! We must receive that Grace through our Faith! Most people are in Hell right now because they thought God's Grace was automatic to everyone, "**NOT SO**" if we don't make an effort to receive God's Grace because of ignorance or neglect, we will go to a horrible place called Hell made for the devil and his angels!*

Faith Without Works is Dead

But wilt thou know, **O vain man**, **that faith without works is dead**? (Jam. 2:20)

For as the body without the spirit is dead, **so faith without works is dead also**. (Jam. 2:26)
And Samuel said, **Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices**, **as in obeying the voice of the LORD**? **Behold**, **to obey is better than sacrifice**, **and to hearken than the fat of rams**. (1 Sam. 15:22)

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling**. **For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure**. (Phil. 2:12,13)

And why call ye me, **Lord**, **Lord**, **and do not the things which I say**? (Luke 6:46)
Ye hypocrites, **well did Esaias prophesy of you**, **saying**, **This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth**, **and honoureth me with their lips**; **but their heart is far from me**. **But in vain they do worship me**, **teaching for doctrines the commandments of men**. (Matt. 15:7-9)

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but **the word preached did not profit them**, **not being mixed with faith** in them that heard it. (Heb. 4:2)

He that hath my commandments, **and keepeth them**, **he it is that loveth me**: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and **I will love him**, **and will manifest myself to him**. (John 14:21)

But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. **For some men**, **straying from these things**, **have turned aside to fruitless discussion**, (1 Tim. 1:5,6) NASB

Blessed are the pure in heart: **for they shall see God**. (Matt. 5:8)

If Your Not Saved God Considers You an Enemy. *(You Have No Peace)*

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, **and your sins have hid his face from you**, **so that he will not hear**. (Is. 59:2) ASV

Much more then, **being now justified by his blood**, **we shall be saved from wrath through him**. For if, **when we were enemies**, **we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, **being reconciled**, **we shall be saved by his life**. (Rom. 5:9,10)

"**For behold**, **the day is coming**, **burning like a furnace**; **and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff**; **and the day that is coming will set them ablaze**," **says the LORD of hosts**, "**so that it will leave them neither root nor branch**." (Mal. 4:1) NASB

PEACE is the Main Inward Spiritual Fruit When you are Really Born Again
A sure sign that you are Born Again is inner peace! There are two kinds of peace God offers! Peace with God, and Peace of God!

Peace with God *(Given at Salvation)*
This kind of peace is the one God gives you at salvation. Before Christ saved you by His Blood you were an enemy of God. God is no fool to play around with! He will completely destroy His enemies. God is Holy and sin cannot exist in His presence.

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)

Peace I leave with you, **my peace I give unto you**: **not as the world giveth**, **give I unto you**. **Let not your heart be troubled**, **neither let it be afraid**.
(John 14:27)

The Peace of God. *(Continuous after Salvation)*
This peace is continuous because Christ is now in you. The only thing that will break that peace is your sin and willful disobedience!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **And the peace of God**, **which surpasses all understanding**, **will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus**. (Phil. 4:6,7) ESV

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (Col. 3:15)

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 5:23)

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and **the God of peace shall be with you**. (Phil. 4:9)

And **the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly**.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. (Rom. 16:20)