

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, 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. (John 3:3-5)

What Does it Mean, To Be BORN AGAIN?

In the Greek (original language) it says, “unless you are Born from above you cannot understand nor perceive the Kingdom of God! Nicodemus was a Pharisee, an expert and scholar of the Jewish Law. Yet he had no idea of what Jesus was telling him because he was from Earth (carnal) and Jesus was from Heaven. 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 Carnal Social Church. God’s Church is birthed through His SPIRIT!

Paul said it Best;

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! First 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.

His only desire is to know Jesus better and the Glorious Power of His Kingdom, so that he too can experience the resurrection power! Paul totally submitted himself to the will of God through the scriptures and the Holy Spirit! To him obedience is better than hardship and sacrifice.

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)

Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife. (Prov. 17:1)

“How long, O naive ones, will you love being simple-minded? And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing And fools hate knowledge? “Turn to my reproof, Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. “Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention; And you neglected all my counsel And did not want my reproof; I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes, When your dread comes like a storm And your calamity comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. “Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently but they will not find me, Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD. “They would not accept my counsel, They spurned all my reproof. “So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way And be satiated with their own devices. “For the waywardness of the naive will kill them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them. “But he who listens to me shall live securely And will be at ease from the dread of evil.” (Prov. 1:22-33) NASB

*God’s Fellowship is through the Spirit Realm “**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 # 1):*

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 Born Again (None in the World)
Nicodemus said Jesus, all's you know is a carnal religion from Earth, you know nothing about Heaven where I Am from! Don't be too 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)

They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly (Holy Spirit). **Stay away from people like that!** (NLT)

JESUS Reprimands Nicodemus of Being a False Teacher

Jesus answered and said unto him, **Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.** (John 3:10-13)

Jesus was telling him; "if you really were a True Spiritual Teacher of Israel you should have known these things." This was clear in the Old Testament as well as the New (Jer. 31, Ezek. 36 & 37): Salvation is a divine Miracle from Above which only God can do! There is nothing religion can do to receive it.

To receive eternal salvation all's we can do is ask God with a pure heart and receive it by Faith! We are held responsible for the decision we make!

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (John 3:6)

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)

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)

Nicodemus was all about religion not spirituality that comes by Faith. His religion was all about self works trying to serve God through the rules of men. It was all about human achievement and not the works of the SPIRIT. He thought he had to do things to get right with God (morality, church rules, rituals and ceremonies, etc...): He thought that doing all these religious things would gain him entrance into Heaven!

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” (referring to things that all perish as they are used) according to human precepts and teachings? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh. (Col. 2:8-23)

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He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:18)

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

If We Live by the Spirit we will Not Fulfill the Lust of the Flesh

If we truly yield to the Holy Spirit, He will give us the power to overcome sin (the world, the flesh, and the devil).

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. (Gal. 5:16-18)

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. (Matt. 7:15-20)

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)

These 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.*

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Rom. 5:1,2)

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)

If Your Not Saved God Considers You an Enemy

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)

How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted 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 terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.** (Heb. 10:29-31) NASB

“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

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)

Do Not Yield Your Soul and Body to Sin

Remember your spirit is redeemed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, but not your soul and body. Do not yield your soul and body to Sin. It legally opens the door for demons to come in. And believe me, they do not come in to pick flowers! They will destroy everything if you let them (family, friends, economy, and your eternal life).

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:”
(John 10:10)

What if we Sin After we Belief? (Born Again)

Remember what we said at the beginning of this study. Your spirit is sealed and protected by the Holy Spirit but Not your body and soul. Demons can affect your body and soul but not your spirit. Demons affect your body with all sorts of sickness and pain. Demons also affect your soul with anxiety, depression, mental confusion, and emotional imbalance. You should first get a physical exam to determine if these problems are caused by chemical imbalances. If the Dr. can't find anything wrong with you it might be a spiritual problem. First make sure you are really saved and not pretending!

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. (1 John 1:8-2:5)

*Once the demons are in you because of Sin, the only way to get them out is by confessing your sin to Jesus and repenting of it. If you Truly repent from the Heart (Jesus will know) and really turn away from that Sin, the Power of the Holy Spirit will cast out that devil from your Body or Soul. Confession simply means **"to Agree With What God Has Said;"** that's what confession means exactly: Repentance on the other hand simply means **"to Forcefully Turn Away From That Action;"** When demons leave the Body true healing can take place. When demons leave the Soul mental torments, anxiety, and perfect peace will come to your mind.*

Unforgiveness is One Sure way demons get Legal Access to your Body and Soul
God forgave you of all your sins so He demands that we also forgive others. If someone sins against you and you don't forgive them, that opens the door for demons to legally come in your being.

*Now; **forgiveness Does Not mean** letting someone take advantage of you. But it does mean you no longer get bothered in your mind by what they did and desire to retaliate or kill them. You totally ignore them, and push them out of your life. Never to think of them again. God says; **Vengeance is mine, I will repay; NOT YOU!***

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matt. 6:15)

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. (Rom. 12:19)

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? **till seven times?** **Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.** Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. **Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.** But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. **And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.** So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. **Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors (demons), till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.** (Matt. 18:21-35)

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

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)

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!*

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

SIMPLY BELIEVE - That's the Key: (but what does that really mean?)

Let's examine Nicodemus again (John 3:10-13); Nicodemus was called “The Teacher of Israel” that meant he was the leading religious leader of all Israel, and yet Jesus said, you know Nothing from above!

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. (Rom. 10:1-4)

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? (John 5:39-44)

For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

(John 3:20,21)

So don't be surprised if you minister under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and people don't believe you. I no longer worry about how many people get saved when I teach, because I'm not responsible for them coming to God. It is the work of the Holy Spirit that brings them to God Not me. My work is to make sure that I said exactly what the Holy Spirit told me to say, no more no less.

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. (Isaiah 64:6)

We can accomplish Nothing good for God according to the carnal nature within us. All of God's works must come from above by the Power of the Holy Spirit!

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. (Rom. 3:20)

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. (Rom. 3:28)

For by the deeds of the Law shall no flesh be saved (Rom. 3:20)!

*You can't earn (work) for your Salvation, it is a free sovran work of God alone.
Like the scripture says; "it would be better to try and stuff a camel through the eye
of a needle than to think your saved by your own good works of righteousness."*

**It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man
to enter into the kingdom of God.** (Mark 10:25)

Religion is righteousness by man's effort! It can't be done, it is impossible!

Why Should a Holy God Care about a Sinful Vessel like Ourselves?

Because GOD IS LOVE! (1 John 3:1, 4:16, and Eph. 3:19)

**For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be
made the righteousness of God in him.** (2 Cor. 5:21)

THE AGE OF GRACE COVERS ALL SIN IN MAN. (NOT ANGELS)

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From the Cross (NEW TESTAMENT) To The Rapture of the Church

**But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater
and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this
building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he
entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.**
(Heb. 9:11,12)

**For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the
figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God
for us:** (Heb. 9:24)

**For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said
before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days,
saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds
will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.**
(Heb. 10:14-17)

*Wow, what does all this mean? Well, the purpose of the Law was to convict us of **Sin**, because everyone is guilty and not worthy of Heaven. **The LAW** would then bring everyone to their knees and cry out to Jesus for Mercy and Forgiveness! No one can be saved unless they Believe what Jesus did on the CROSS for them. So, God the Father can justify Himself in forgiving man's sin by sacrificing His Only Son on a Cruel Roman Cross. God is Holy and Just, Sin must be paid for. God will judge all sin one way or another. Either Jesus pays for your sins, or you pay, but God will not be mocked!*

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

(Rom. 8:1-5)

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

(Gal. 6:7,8)