

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 Born of the SPIRIT Mean?

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!

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)

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 # 3):*

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

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)

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)

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (Rom. 8:11)

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!*

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!

Nicodemus, 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! We made No contribution to our physical birth, likewise we make No contribution to our spiritual birth! Your parents controlled your physical birth (you had no choice in the matter); God controls your spiritual birth (you have no choice in the matter): 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!

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; “as The Teacher of Israel you should have known these things.” Nicodemus should have known about the sacrifices he participates in. 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!

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)

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.

The Only Thing We Can Do is; LOOK and BELIEVE

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:14-17)

John here is referring to (Num. 21) in the Old Testament when Israel's Sin caused God to release venomous vipers throughout the camp and kill the people. Israel then cried out to God for mercy and then God said;

And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. (Num. 21:8)

This was the revelation of JESUS in the New Testament when He would show Himself in physical form and die on the CROSS for All Humanity!

*Salvation can Only come from above through the CROSS of JESUS CHRIST!
Religion is very popular among men because it makes them feel they've
accomplished something for God. But, they fail to realize the whole Earth
is corrupt and all the good works in it are as filth and corruption.*

**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)

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).

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)

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. (Heb. 12:22,23)

*There should no longer be a mystery of who's a real Christian and who is not!
Everyone in the Church should know who you are by your spirit.*

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)

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)

Beware of Fake Christians; Some Profess but Don't Posses

God hates false Christians and the false Church! Make sure you are a real Christian and make sure you belong to the True Church!

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)

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

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.** (Phil. 2:12)

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

(1 Cor. 9:27)

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Prov. 14:12)