

# ***The New Birth***

**Born from above or born again. (scriptures)**

**Everyone's experience of salvation is unique.**

**James 1:17**

**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.**

**Rev 21:2**

**And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

**How is a person born from above- Will of man or will of God?**

**John 1:13**

**Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

**John 3**

**<sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.**

# **Our decision or His decision?**

**His choice or our choice(scriptures)**

**Surrender may be the best description of our part of intial salvation.**

**Not an acceptance of a teaching of salvation but a surrender to the Lordship of a living Savior.**

**Asking Jesus into our heart, accepting Him and a decision for Christ are not in the New testament. God at times works in spite of our ignorant ways.**

*“Tens of thousands, perhaps millions, have come into some kind of religious experience by accepting Christ and they have not been saved.”*

— A.W. Tozer

**Ephesians 1:4**

**According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:**

**John 15:16**

**Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you**

## **Requirements for the new birth**

**Repentance**- Is the initial and primary response to the true Gospel. Turning to Christ from sin and self. Both turns must take place.  
(Scriptures)

**Also Godly sorrow and faith. All are the gift of God.**

**Acts 2:38**

**Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

**Acts 20:21**

**Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**2 Cor 7:10**

**For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of**