

dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Ephesians 2:1. “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”

One becomes alive, though once spiritually dead because of his sins (James 1:15; Romans 6:23), when those sins are washed away by the blood of Christ, the cleansing agent for sin (Ephesians 1:7), when he is united with Christ in the likeness of His death as he is buried in the baptismal waters (Romans 6:4). Such a one is a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Such a one has been born again.

The New Birth: Baptism

- Born of water and the Spirit (John 3:5)
- Wash away sins (Acts 22:16)
- Remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- Washing of regeneration (Titus 3:5)
- Newness of life (Romans 6:5)
- Into union with Christ (Gal. 3:27)
- Salvation (Mark 16:16)

What about you? Why not be born again as taught in the Bible? Give humble obedience to the gospel of Christ. Be baptized for the remission of your sins as commanded by the Savior (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38). 🙏

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Lately, a lot of emphasis has been placed on the idea of being a “born again Christian.” As a matter of fact, “born again” seems to be the religious catchphrase of our time.

The idea of a new birth, being born again spiritually, is not foreign to the Bible. Jesus spoke of it in John 3:1-8. It says, “There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, ‘Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, 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, ‘Most assuredly, 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. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ‘The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the

sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.’”

Many today, though, who speak of being born again fail to adhere to what Jesus said concerning it. They say that one only has to have faith in Jesus, believe in Him as a personal Savior, to be born again. What did Jesus say? Notice the text of John 3 in its context.

A ruler of the Jews named Nicodemus came to Jesus by night. Though he did not come right out and ask it, Jesus, knowing his heart, answered the question that was on his mind. That question? “Who will be a part of the kingdom of God?”

Jesus told him, “except one be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God” (v. 3). He explained that this new birth consisted of being born of “water and the Spirit” (v.5). The obvious question, then, is, “How is one born of water and the Spirit?”

For the answer to that question, we must go to Scripture. It is the only source of authority in religious matters. It contains

the answers to all our questions. Notice the following passages where “water” and “the Spirit” are connected.

Acts 2:38. “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

1 Corinthians 12:13. “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”

Titus 3:5. “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration a renewing of the Holy Spirit...”

From these passages we can conclude that the new birth includes baptism for the remission of sins. It is in the act of baptism that one’s sins are remitted, he is added to the body of the saved in Christ, and he is regenerated, born again. This is in total agreement with other Scriptures that speak of baptism.

Romans 6:4. “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the