



Born Again

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John 3:5-8

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **That which has been born of the flesh is flesh, and that which has been 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 its sound, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who has been born of the Spirit.”

Why do You Call Me Good

Luke 18:18 - 18:27

And a ruler questioned Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “**Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.** You know the commandments, ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.”

And when Jesus heard this, He said to him, “One thing you still lack: sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven. And come, follow Me.” But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. And Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

And those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” But He said, “**The things that are impossible with people are possible with God.**”

Depravity: moral corruption;
wickedness the quality or
state of being corrupt, evil,
or perverted.

Man is Totally Depraved

Psalm 51:5

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

Mark 7:21 - 7:23

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, sexual immoralities, thefts, murders, adulteries, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.

All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”

Genesis 6:5

Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Isaiah 64:6

For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;

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Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can know it?”

Ecclesiastes 7:20

Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:10 - 3:18

as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become worthless; There is none who does good, There is not even one.” “Their throat is an open tomb, With their tongues they keep deceiving,” “The poison of asps is under their lips”; “Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness”; “Their feet are swift to shed blood, Destruction and misery are in their paths, And the path of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

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Why is This Re-Birth Necessary?

Ephesians 2:1

And you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

Ezekiel 11:19

And I will give them one heart and give within them a new spirit. And I will take the **heart of stone** out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

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What does Born of Water and Spirit Mean?

Doesn't Mean

1. 2 Births 1 natural 1 Spiritual
2. Ref to Baptism (Christian Baptism was Not invented Yet)
3. Jewish Ceremonial Washings. (

Does Mean

“In the Old Testament Water and Spirit was used by various writers to mean Spiritual Cleansing”

Isaiah 4:4

When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and rinsed away the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning,

Ezekiel 36:24 - 36:27

And I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to do My judgments.

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Only A Work of God

John 1:13

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

Ephesians 2:4 - 2:5

But God, being rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Only a Work of God

Jeremiah 31:32 - 31:33

not like the covenant which I cut with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, but I was a husband to them,” declares Yahweh. “But this is the covenant which I will cut with the house of Israel after those days,” declares Yahweh: “I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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“ A Person can't corral the wind and thus you can't corral the Spirit of God. All we can do if fall down and petition for Mercy and Grace that we too will be saved.”

“And now let us bow
down before the Majesty
of our Gracious God”