

BORN 2.0!

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"Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God
unless they are born of water and the Spirit.
Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.
You should not be surprised at my saying, You must be born again."*

John 3:5-7 (NIV)

2.0 means...

A new and improved version of something or someone.

Merriam Webster Dictionary

Soteriology

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." ³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." ⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

John 3:1-7 (NIV)

Three Essential Truths About Salvation:

1. Salvation is not earned through HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT.

- Church Attendance and Membership
- Living A Wholesome and Moral Lifestyle
- Doing Good Deeds
- Keeping the Ten Commandments
- Religious Pedigree
- Getting Baptized

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*He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." **John 3:2 (NIV)***

2. Salvation requires a **2.0 EXPERIENCE!**

*Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are **born again**." **John 3:3 (NIV)***

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*Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are **born of water and the Spirit**. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, '**You must be born again.**' **John 3:4-7 (NIV)***

Why Do We Need A 2.0 Experience?

The Problem

*When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. **Romans 5:12 (NLT)***

*For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. **Romans 3:23 (NLT)***

The Consequences

*The payment for sin is death. **Romans 6:23a (NCV)***

The Solution

*The payment for sin is death. But God gives us the free gift of life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23 (NCV)***

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8 (NIV)***

The Response

*If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved. For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved. **Romans 10:9-10 (GNT)***

*For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **Romans 10:13 (ESV)***

3. Salvation is experienced through FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but *have eternal life*. **John 3:16 (NIV)***

