

BORN TWICE

Good News Message Series Week 5

John 3:1-21

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1. Being born again is the exclusive way to enter God's kingdom. (John 3:1-3)

"Entrance to heaven is out of reach, even for the most moral, upstanding, law-keeping person you know."

Matt Carter and Josh Wredberg, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in John*, B&H Publishing, Brentwood, TN, 2017, p. 57.

2. Being born again is a spiritual rebirth of the Spirit. (John 3:4-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

- It's a spiritual awakening and transformation.
- It's going from being spiritually dead to spiritually alive.

"If you're not a Christian, you won't become one by work or effort or ability or sacrifice, but you can pray for God to send his Spirit like the wind and blow through your dead heart and make you alive. If you are a Christian, you didn't become one because you're particularly lovable, smart, or talented. You're a Christian because the Spirit of God blew where he wished, and he wished to blow inside your soul. He swept through your heart and brought you to life; he made you alive to God."

Matt Carter and Josh Wredberg, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in John*, B&H Publishing, Brentwood, TN, 2017, p. 58.

3. Being born again is the result of belief in Jesus.

(John 3:18-19)

“To *believe* means we must acknowledge the claims of Jesus, yield our allegiance to him, and place our trust in him as the only hope of salvation from sin and death.”

Matt Carter and Josh Wredberg, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in John*, B&H Publishing, Brentwood, TN, 2017, p. 64.

- Belief in Jesus is how we avoid God’s condemnation and judgment. (John 3:17-18)
- Belief in Jesus is how we receive eternal life in God’s kingdom. (John 3:16)

“Words like condemnation and judgment could make you doubt God is loving, but these verses make it clear: condemnation is a result of the refusal to accept God’s gift. People will face the consequences of their sin not because God’s gift of Jesus is sufficient but because they refuse to turn from their sin and trust in Jesus to save them from sin’s penalty. If you reject Jesus Christ, you have no one to blame but yourself.”

Matt Carter and Josh Wredberg, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in John*, B&H Publishing, Brentwood, TN, 2017, p. 66.

Summary: Being born again is a work of the Spirit and comes through belief in Jesus and results in the only way to have eternal life in God’s kingdom.



Communion

What is it?

Communion is a visible representation of the Good News of the death of Christ for our sins. It reminds us of Christ's death and the glorious hope of His return. The bread and wine symbolize Christ's body and blood.

Who can participate?

All who have received Jesus Christ by trusting in Him alone for forgiveness of their sins are welcome to participate, regardless of church affiliation.

The ABCs of receiving Christ as your Savior:

Admit you are a sinner and deserve God's judgment.

(Romans 3:23, 6:23)

Believe that Jesus Christ, through His death (and resurrection), paid the penalty for your sin, so that you can be forgiven and have a relationship with Him now and forever. (Romans 5:8, 10:9-10)

Confess that Jesus is your Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9-10)

How will we be served?

Ushers will serve you both the bread and cup while you are seated. Wait to partake of the bread and juice until you are directed to do so.

