

New Birth

Concept:

As Peter was preaching on the day of Pentecost, the crowd cried out “What must we do to be saved?” Peter’s answer was quick and powerful. “Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38). Repentance simply means to stop holding on to the world and the god of this world and to grab a hold of the true and living God. Repentance will cause our life direction to change as well as our logical thinking process. We commonly have called this action that the crowd experienced a born again experience. The phrase “born again” was mentioned first in the Gospel of John in chapter 3. Nicodemus came to Jesus and asked how He was able to do what He was doing. Jesus replied that you would never be able to see or enter the kingdom of God unless you are “born again”. This was a very difficult concept for Nicodemus to understand, since he was trying to comprehend spiritual things with a natural mind. Jesus was not introducing a new natural birth process but a spiritual birth. Nicodemus walked away confused. Let’s look at scriptures definition so we will not have to walk away confused.

Scripture Application:

1. Genesis 2:17
2. Ephesians 2:1-3
3. Romans 5:12
4. Romans 5:15-18
5. Psalms 51:5-6
6. Romans 7:23
7. Romans 3:10
8. Colossians 2:13
9. Revelation 3:1
10. Ezekiel 36:25-27
11. John 8:44
12. II Corinthians 4:4
13. I John 3:8

14. I John 5:18
15. Ephesians 2:8-9
16. Titus 3:5-7
17. II Corinthians 5:17
18. I Corinthians 6:9-11
19. Malachi 3:3
20. Isaiah 1:18
21. Isaiah 43:25-26
22. Galatians 2:20
23. Colossians 1:27
24. Ephesians 3:17-19
25. John 14:7
26. I Corinthians 3:16
27. John 14:20
28. II Corinthians 6:16
29. Ephesians 2:20-22
30. Ephesians 4:24
31. Romans 6:6-23
32. Romans 8:9
33. I Thessalonians 4:3
34. II Thessalonians 2:13
35. Colossians 2:12-17
36. Galatians 4:5

37. Colossians 1:13

38. Galatians 3:24

39. Galatians 4:1-7

40. I John 4:4

41. Genesis 1:26

42. Job 27:3

43. Proverbs 20:27

Summary:

We need to be continually thankful to the Lord for this great gift of salvation. It was the grace of God that drove Jesus to go to the cross for a group of sinners who kept rejecting the gift and despising the giver. He paid the debt we could not pay and brought us into the Holy of Holies so we could be called a son and a joint heir of the Most High. Our name was sealed into the book of Life as we were sealed into the Body of Christ. This free gift made us a new creation, something that never existed before. We were transferred from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, and the devil no longer has us as his son/daughter. We now belong to the Lord and are called a son and a fellow heir. He cleansed us and calls us His own. Never stop thanking the Lord that He calls you the Apple of His Eye.

Action:

Meditate on Colossians 1:13 and Colossians 1:27 and allow the truth of those scriptures to explode in your heart. Remember it is the revelation of the truth of God's Word that sets us free!