

OUR SOURCE OF LIFE John 3:1-21
What it means to be born of the Spirit.
[Discovering the Holy Spirit – message #4]

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Jesus speaks of a second birth....

A DIVINE NECESSITY

V 3 “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

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a just & decent man
an expert theologian
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No one can “see” or “enter” God’s Kingdom without being born again.

A COMMON MIRACLE

Should be the most ordinary example of the extraordinary.

“For you have been born again...through the living and enduring word of God.” 1Peter 1:23

“He chose to give us birth through the word of truth...” James 1:18

Real but not physical.

It has nothing to do with “flesh” v 6 – human nature or effort.

It is a genuine second start for us spiritually.

Accomplished by the Holy Spirit.

“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing.” John 6:63

“...He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously...”
Titus 3:4-6

Being born again is what God’s Spirit did for & in you... regardless of what kind of experience it produced.

Jesus compares the Spirit’s work to the action of the wind.

Accepted by faith in Jesus Christ.

Numbers 21 “a brass serpent on a pole”

All they had to do was take God at His word & look at it...they’d be spared. Saved by an act of faith.

“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.” Jn. 3:16

ONCE OR TWICE BORN?

Where do you stand?

“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” John 3:18

Where do you live?

“Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.” John 3:20-21

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