



You Must Be Born-Again

John 3:1-8

3:1 – Who were the Pharisees?

What does it mean that Nicodemus was “a ruler of the Jews”?

3:2 – Why did Nicodemus come to Jesus by night?

3:3 – What does Jesus say must happen to you to see the kingdom of God?

What is the kingdom of God?

Why did Jesus answer a question that Nicodemus didn't even ask?

3:4 – What did Nicodemus think Jesus was talking about when He said you must be born-again?

How does Jesus describe what it means to be born-again?

What being born-again doesn't mean...

1 – Why doesn't born of the water mean physical birth?

2 – Why doesn't born of the water mean water baptism?

So what then does the water in John 3:5 refer to?

3 – Is being born-again external reformation, or an action you take upon yourself?

What is the difference of being born of the flesh and born of the Spirit?

4 – Is being born-again an action others take on your behalf such as confirmation?

5 – Is being born again the result of joining a church?

What born-again does mean...

3:8 – What does the comparison of the wind which blows where it wishes tell us about those who are born of the Spirit?

1 – How is being born-again a re-creation?

What has passed away for the believer?

2 – How is being born-again a resurrection?

What is the distinction between the body soul and spirit?

How may we distinguish between what comes from our soul and what comes from our spirit?

How does the Bible help us to distinguish between what comes from our soul and what comes from our spirit?

What was resurrected when we were born-again?

3 – How is being born-again a translation?

4 – How is being born-again a transformation?

Is this automatic, do we instantly start seeing things from God's perspective?

5 – How is being born-again an impartation?

Does this mean that we should no longer have a sin nature?

Besides a new heart, what else does God impart to us?

The necessity of being born-again...

Note that Jesus said that we must be born again...
Why must we be born again?

1. Why is being born-again necessary to be able to commune with God?

What if you've been thinking you've been doing just fine without having to speak to or hear from the Holy Spirit?

2. Why is being born-again necessary to be holy?

This is another one where people are inclined to think, "Why do I need to be holy?"

3. Why is being born-again necessary to be righteous?

How does being born again enables us to be righteous?

4. Why is being born-again necessary to be a part of the true church?

A great falsehood in our time is where people think all people have salvation because of the “universal fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man.” What is the problem with this idea?

5. Why is being born-again necessary to benefit from the promises of God?

6. Why is being born-again necessary to enter into Heaven?

The means of regeneration...

How did God make us born-again (verse 6)?

While it is the Holy Spirit who breaths life into our human spirit, what instrument does He use to help us come to the knowledge of the truth?

The evidence of being born-again...

How do we know that we've been born again? Do we need some sort of supernatural experience to confirm this?

How do born-again believers know that they have a capacity to understand the truth?

What kind of evidence of being born-again should there be to the world?

So does it mean we are perfect when we are born-again?

How else do we demonstrate to the world that we are children of God?

Conclusion

How does Jesus' description of how we enter the kingdom of God correct human hopes that we may somehow inherit goodness from our parents, or earn it by good behavior or church background?

Are the words of Jesus, "you must be born again" a challenge or an invitation?