

Joh 3:3-8 ESV Jesus answered him, "**Truly, truly**, I say to you, **unless one** is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "**Truly, truly**, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is **born of the flesh is flesh**, and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be **born again**.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is **born of the Spirit**."

- **TWICE Truly Truly** - A strong emphasis, pay attention! I am speaking with first hand knowledge!
- **Unless** - a condition (one thing must be done before another thing takes place) born again to see
- **One** - makes it a requirement for all people
- Born **AGAIN** - born a **second** time, born from **above** - born anew
 - He cannot "see" - grasp or discern (Mat 13:14 "you will indeed see but never perceive.")
- Born or water, **born of the Spirit** - we enter the world AND the kingdom the same way → **birth**
 - He cannot "enter" the kingdom apart from this - one way
- The wind (pneuma, breath, spirit) blows where it wills -- you don't have to understand to see the effect
 - A bit of a mystery -- Not a pattern (altar call, or sinner prayer) -- bottom line you will see effect

Our first birth is being born into sin - to be born again is birth into life with Christ

Psa 51:5 ESV Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

As sinners we are dead, only in Christ are we made alive

- Eph 2:4-5 ESV But God, being rich in **mercy**, because of the great **love** with which he loved us, 5 **even when we were dead** in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**--by **grace** you have been saved--

When you are Born of the Spirit the Holy Spirit actually lives inside of you

- Eze 36:26-27 ESV And I will give you a **new heart**, and a **new spirit I will put within you**. And I will **remove the heart of stone** from your flesh and give you a **heart of flesh**. 27 And I will put my **Spirit within you**, and **cause you to walk in my statutes** and be **careful to obey my rules**.
- Rom 8:9 ESV You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact **the Spirit of God dwells in you**. **Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him**.
- 1 Cor 6:19-20 (ESV) "Or do you not know that your body is a **temple of the Holy Spirit within you**, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

Because the Spirit Lives in you, he works in you, you can know you are born again

There is an INNER witness

- Rom 8:16-17 ESV **The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God**, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

There is OUTWARD Transformation - this did not CAUSE salvation - but it was PROOF of it

- Luk 19:8-9 ESV And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the **half of my goods** I give to the poor. And **if I have defrauded** anyone of anything, **I restore it fourfold**." 9 And Jesus said to him, "**Today salvation has come to this house**, since he also is a son of Abraham.

There is a fundamental change Because the Holy Spirit lives in you

- 1Jn 3:9 ESV **No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.**
- 1Jn 5:4-5 ESV For **everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world**. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- 1Jn 4:7 ESV Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and **whoever loves has been born of God and knows God**.
- 1Jn 2:29 If you know that he is righteous, **you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him**.

How am I Born Again

Joh 3:14-19 ESV And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 **that whoever believes in him may have eternal life**. 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order **that the world might be saved through him**. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the **light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light** because their works were evil.

Receive Him, Believe in his Name, Follow/Obey = Born of God

- Joh 1:12-13 ESV But to all who did **receive him**, who **believed in his name**, he gave the right to **become children of God**, 13 who were **born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, **but of God**.
- 1Jn 5:1 ESV Everyone who **believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God**, and everyone who loves **the Father loves whoever has been born of him**.
- Joh 3:36 ESV **Whoever believes** in the Son has eternal life; **whoever does not obey** the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.