



How to Become Born Again

Last month, I taught about the incorruptibility of the seed given when you are born again. I shall now teach you the 'how' of becoming born again.

The miracle of the new birth is so simple, yet has been twisted by messengers of satan into unattainable horror. There aren't 'many' ways to reach God, to become born again. There's only one through our Lord Jesus Christ, God's son. God's instructions are clearly laid out in Romans, and these instructions are what you must obey if you want to become born again. It is imperative that you use the King James Version of the Bible.

(1 Pet 1:23 KJV) Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.



The seed is a creation within you, a gift from on high. It is power from on high.

(Luke 24:49 KJV) And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

The Apostles were told to wait for 'it', power from on high. No one else is ever told to wait for 'it'. Man teaches that man must wait for it, but never God. The Apostles were told to wait in Jerusalem 'until' that power came down from heaven. Once the power came down, it never needed to 'come down' again.

The gifts of God are distributed to man by Jesus Christ.

(Eph 4:7-8 KJV) But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. {8} Wherefore he saith, When he [Jesus Christ] ascended up on high, he [Jesus Christ] led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

How wonderful to understand from where God's promised gift comes and who is responsible to administer it to God's family!

God loves His son so much. Check out what He did for him and how he speaks of him.

(Heb 1:1-3 KJV) God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, {2} Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,

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whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; {3} Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

God the Father, and His son, Jesus Christ, are not one and the same. Rather, they have unity of purpose. When we become born again, we join that purpose and become unified with 'them.' Now, how special is that, to join their purpose, and to work together in unified effort?

One in Purpose

What exactly does Jesus Christ do, now that he is seated beside God in heaven? His efforts are captured in one Greek word.

(John 10:30 KJV) *I and my Father are one.*

The word 'one' comes from the Greek word hen, not heis. If it were heis, it would mean, 'one person.' Hen means, 'one in purpose.'

This verse climaxes Jesus' belief and description of his union with God. They are one in purpose.

(John 17:11 KJV) *And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.*

(John 17:22 KJV) *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*

In the above verses, the word 'one' does not mean, 'one person.' It means, 'one in purpose.' Now, you can safely believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus knew who he was. He knew that his Father was greater than he. A son is never greater than his father.

(John 14:28 KJV) *Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is*

greater than I.

I must share one more verse.

(Phil 2:6 KJV) *Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*

The Greek word for 'equal' is isos. I'd like to quote from *Jesus Christ is not God* (1975) by VP Wierwille, pages 52ff.

The word "equal" in Philippians 2:6 is the Greek word isos from which is derived the English word "isosceles." An isosceles triangle has two angles which contain the exact same number of degrees. Even though equal, the angles are not identical.

Besides this, the equality of Philippians 2:6 hinges on our understanding of Oriental mannerisms (the Bible is an Eastern book). [We must never look at it through Western eyes, risking mis-interpretation.] The

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Jews brought this to light in John 5:18.

**(John 5:18 KJV)
Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**

As a footnote, the Jews never even considered the possibility of Jesus' being God. They knew the Messiah would not be God, thus a man claiming to be God wouldn't have agitated them for they would have recognized such a person as being mentally ill. But a person's claiming to be the Son of God was disturbing because according to Judaic doctrine that was a possibility. They simply rejected Jesus as that Messiah.

Thus, according to Oriental culture, a son is equal to his

father. When Jesus Christ said that God was his Father, he put himself on par with God. It did not make him God, but it gave him many of the same privileges as God. Similarly, a son born into the family of a king has many of the same basic privileges as his father, but yet the king represents the greater of the two. The father is always greater than the son, but yet their privileges are many times equal because of the father's power and position to make them so.

Consider verse 5 as well:

**(Phil 2:5 KJV)
Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**

God exhorts us: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Then verse 6 says that Jesus Christ thought it not robbery to be equal with God. If we let these same

thoughts be in us that Jesus Christ had, then we bring ourselves up to that level of equality as sons of God. What a tremendous lever for the more than abundant life if we put on the thoughts of Christ. (end quote)

The marvel of incorruptible seed

The marvel of incorruptible seed is brought to you by the Word of God. Therefore, the 'how' of becoming born again must come to you by the Word of God, and it does exactly that as we'll soon discover.

I must take you into the book of John and teach you what Jesus Christ taught Nicodemus about the new birth.

(John 3:3-8 KJV) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. {4} Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the sec-

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and time into his mother's womb, and be born? {5} Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into 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} Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. {8} The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

To be born again is to have the seed of Christ in you. If you are born of someone, and you are, your father, you became that way because of his seed in you. Read the following verses to learn of God's love for you—He allows you to become born again, to know Him, to love Jesus Christ, to overcome the world, to have victory in all things, and to have faith.

(1 John 4:7 KJV) **Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one**

that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

(1 John 5:1 KJV) **Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.**

(1 John 5:4 KJV) **For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.**

(1 John 5:18 KJV) **We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.**

God's basic nature is love. Verse 18 says that you cannot sin. Before you say, 'that's impossible,' let's understand what it means. It's talking about a man who is born of God, not a man dead in trespasses and sins. The Christian man cannot sin *in the incorruptible seed*. If he could sin in that seed, that seed would be corruptible. The context is talking about *incorruptible seed*.

There is no sin in God's seed in you. If you could lose it, it would be corruptible. It is incorruptible seed! This is not talking about sinning in the body and soul man. It is talking about sinning in that spirit which is born within. If you are born of God, that which was conceived cannot sin. Christ in You - cannot sin! This is why it is eternal life. *There is no sin in eternal life.*

(Jude 1:6 KJV) **And the angels [fallen angels] which kept not their first estate, but left [fell to earth] their own habitation [heaven], he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.**

Fallen angels gave up the eternal life; they no longer have it because they are the epitome of sin. The new birth brings God in Christ into you. God is eternal and God is life!

(Rom 3:24 KJV) **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

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The new birth is by divine favor

We are saved by grace, not by works.

(Eph 2:8-10 KJV) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: {9} Not of works, lest any man should boast. {10} For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Do you believe God's Word. At some point, if you want to be one in purpose with God and Jesus Christ, and this is certainly available, you must believe what is written in God's Word.

The new birth is by grace. It is the gift of God. No works could ever unite you with God's family. If works could, you could be better than me, worse yet, I could be better than you and I'd be able to boast my tail off. We are God's workmanship.

Do you believe that God is satisfied with His workmanship? Can my earthly father do a better job than my heav-

enly Father? A thousand times no. God can do a far better job than any earthly father.

Natural man, the man who never experienced the new birth, is spiritually dead. Legally, he belongs to satan.

(Eph 2:2 KJV) Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

When I am born again of God's spirit, I belong to someone, but to whom? I belong to God. From then on, Satan has no rights to me. The new birth marks a drastic change of sonship and citizenship.

Spark of the Divine

The teaching that every man has a spark of the divine just can't be true. Christians, among others, teach it because they don't understand the new birth at all. It is taught to mean, "That every human being possesses either a connection with God or a "part" of God." (From GotQuestions.org) This was

taught in Gnostic theology and mystical religions. You are spiritually dead without God's gift. Dead means dead, without spirit; there's nothing inside. That's why God must create it; it has never been in you. So, let's change from being dead to being alive.

How does God accomplish this change?

God recreates the dead man spiritually by creating a new spirit within. This spirit is eternal life. This happens when a man literally obeys what is written in Romans 10:9 and 10.

How do you become born again?

Man becomes born again by literally following God's Will. We have to hear His Word and believe. Believing comes by hearing the Word.

(Rom 10:17 KJV) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

What word? The words that I am about to share with you right now. Born again men and women become people of faith.

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(Rom 10:9-10 KJV)
That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. {10} For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

You don't confess your sins to become born again. That would be impossible. We need to wise up and trust God's Word. Confess the savior from sin. Please understand that there are no associated feelings with what takes place within you at the time of the new birth. Obey God's Word.

Step One—Say: "Jesus is Lord in my life."

Hold on there. That's not all.

Step Two—"Believe in your heart that God hath raised him [Jesus] from the dead.

'Heart' means, 'with your entire mind.' If you do this, you shall be saved. There is no question about this; you absolutely will be saved. When does this take place? At the exact moment you

obey God's Word. You don't have to wait, as some teach, until you die. It takes place right then and there.

Step Three—Smile: You are at one in purpose with God and Jesus Christ!

If you want to be born again, this is what you have to do. Say 'Jesus is my Lord.' 'Believe that God raised Jesus from the dead.' Now, you are born again and all hell can't stop you from joining God's purpose, to become part of His family and to live eternity with Him and His Son, Jesus Christ. Now, you are born again.

(John 10:27-29 KJV)
My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: {28} And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. {29} My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

Much Love in Christ!

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