The New Birth

Physical life begins by birth. The spiritual life also begins by birth – but not by joining a church or becoming religious. You cannot join the family of God, you must be "born into it." Born, "not of blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:19).

You Must Be Born Again

Why? Because without being born again you have no hope of enjoying the glories of heaven and escaping the terrors of hell.

Have "you" been born again? Jesus said, "you must be born again" (**John 3:7**). "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (**John 3:3**).

What is this New Birth?

The new birth is not a religion, it is not morality, it is not reformation – it is the work of God, the Holy Spirit. The new birth is a brand new beginning and a brand new spiritual life. You are transformed in your inner man; the real you on the inside!

It's a Miracle on the Inside!

The new birth is a promise of God Almighty, Creator of everything! It is a mystery that words cannot explain, but a reality that cannot be explained away. You surrender your own will and ways – to recognize that you need a Savior; the Lord Jesus.

You Cannot Earn Eternal Life

The new birth is a **free gift** from God Almighty.

A religious leader came to Jesus to ask about eternal life in Heaven. He explained how he had been extremely religious all his life. This is when Jesus told him to surrender all and be "born again." (John 3:3.)

The Power of Choice

The gift of "free will" is one thing that characterizes God as a Father. He gives us His guidelines for life in His Word and then allows us to make our own choices. We have the power to choose a life of blessings or of curses. Our futures are completely in our own hands.

Deuteronomy 30:19 is a foundation Scripture passage that communicates the power of choice very clearly.

It says:

"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

Here we see God putting two courses of action before us: a good course that leads to eternal life and an evil course that leads to death, (which is 'separation' from God).

Pray This Prayer

"Dear God in Heaven: I believe Jesus is Lord of all. I believe Jesus died for me and rose from the dead.

Now, based on Romans 10:8-9, I confess and I declare – Jesus is my Savior, Jesus is my Lord, Jesus is my healer. Thank you, Lord Jesus, Amen."

You can now begin a brand-new life as a born again Christian. You have everlasting life "in Christ Jesus." You can also live in this life as a living witness to God's goodness!

You are now a new creation in Christ. Jesus has made a way for you to have an abundant life, answers to prayer, and peace that is beyond our natural understanding.

(2 Corinthians 5:17, John 10:10.)

Activate Your Abundant Life in Christ Today!

1. Be Born again.

John 3:3-6; Romans 10:9; 1 Peter 1:23.

- 2. Be Water Baptized.
 Romans 6:4-9
- 3. Be Holy Spirit baptized.

Luke 11:13; John 14:15-17, 26; John 16:13-14; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 19:2; 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14-15.

4. Abide in the Word.

John 8:31-32; Joshua 1:8; John 15:7; Colossians 3:15-16; 3 John 2.

- 5. Be a Doer of the Word. John 14:21, 23; James 1:22.
- 6. Live by Faith.

Romans 1:17; 1 Cor. 5:7; Hebrews 10:38.

7. Walk in Love.

1 Corinthians 13; Galatians 5:22; 1 John 4:7-8.

8. Walk in the Spirit and Pray.

Galatians 5:16, 25; Romans 8:14, 26; 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14-15; Mark 11:24.

9. Be a Cheerful giver.

Malachi 3:5-12, Galatians 6:6-7; Luke 6:38; Proverbs 3:9; 2 Corinthians 9:5-8; Hebrews 7:1-28; Matthew 6:19-20.

10. Pray and Speak the Word.

Matthew 4:3-11; Matthew 8:5-10; Mark 11:22-25; Romans 4:17; Luke 6:45; 1 Timothy 6:12-13.

More References:

John 4:24; 14:16-17, 16:14; Acts 1:8, 2:4, 2:17, 8:14-17, 19:2-6; Acts 10:38; Colossians 3:15-16; Ephesians 5:16; 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14-15

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