

WHAT IS BEING BORN AGAIN?

Charles, I doubt that's what Jesus meant when He said we must be born again...



People have asked me what being born again means?

Being born again isn't sitting in a church service week after week and following the format planned for you.

Not by saying the Lord's prayer by memory and singing a few songs and listening to a sermon.

Not by trying to serve the Lord by doing good deeds to try to earn your Salvation.

Good deeds won't save you...only the BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST can save you. The Bible says "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away!" Isaiah 64:6

This is what the Bible says how you can be born again:

I am starting with the last verses first to be specific in a different way than my other tracts on the subject.

If thou shalt CONFESS (hopefully out loud) before JESUS and His Holy Angels, with your MOUTH your belief in the Lord Jesus, and shall BELIEVE in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be SAVED (be delivered, protected, made whole).

For with the HEART man BELIEVETH (entrusts one's spiritual well being to Christ) unto righteousness; and with the MOUTH, confession (promise, to acknowledge, give thanks, give ascent) is made unto SALVATION (rescue, safety, delivery, health, to be saved). Romans 10:9, 10

"For WHOSOEVER shall CALL upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved!" Romans 10:13

You must take action! You can't just believe in Jesus and not do anything else!

You need to get on your knees and openly confess you believe in what Jesus did for you on the Cross and thank Him for it, and confess with your mouth that you are a sinner.

You have to ask Him to forgive you for your sins and ask Him to come into your heart and change you, and be your personal Lord and Saviour, surrendering your life to Him! That is His requirements for Salvation. There is no other way but His Way!

Then we must be baptized in Jesus' Name by immersion just as Jesus was and how they did it in Acts.

Then we GET TO pray for and seek the infilling of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues as the Holy Spirit gives the utterance!

Just as happened in Acts 2:4. It is our GREAT PRIVILEGE to have this WONDERFUL GIFT, TOO!

It's not of the devil as some think. It is from GOD!

This is what Jesus tells us to do to receive the Holy Ghost, also called the Holy Spirit:

Luke 11:

"And I say unto you, ASK, and it shall be GIVEN YOU; SEEK, and ye shall FIND; KNOCK, and it shall be OPENED UNTO YOU!" 11:9

"For EVERYONE that ASKETH RECEIVETH; and he that SEEKETH FINDETH; and to him that KNOCKETH IT SHALL BE OPENED!" 11:10

"If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a STONE? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish, give him a SERPENT?" 11:11

"Or if he ask an EGG, will he offer him a SCORPION?" 11:12

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give GOOD GIFTS unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the HOLY SPIRIT to them that ASK HIM?"

Getting back to Being Born again. John 3 also explains about being born again.

Jesus said, Truly, Truly, I say unto you, Except a man be "born again" (regenerated anew from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God." John 3:3

Jesus said again, Truly, Truly, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (be baptized in Jesus' Name by immersion) and of the Holy Spirit, he cannot (ever) enter the kingdom of God." John 3:5

"Marvel not (do not be surprised, astonished) at My telling you, you must all be born anew (from above.) 3:7

"That which is BORN OF THE FLESH (human nature) IS FLESH; and that which is BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT!" 3:6

"The wind bloweth where it listeth (will) and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is EVERY ONE that is "born" (regenerated, conceived of the Spirit!" 3:8

Here is what you can say:

"Lord Jesus, I believe that you died on a cruel Cross, and shed your innocent, precious blood to redeem me for my sins and I thank you! Please forgive me of all the sins I have ever committed or done in my heart. I surrender my life to you. Please come into my heart as my personal Lord and Savior today! I need you to be my Father and Friend. I need you to teach me your ways as I study the Words of Life in my Bible. I pray this in Jesus' Name!" Amen.

If you have sincerely prayed this prayer, all your sins are now forgiven and you are "born again!" Or, you can just pour out your heart in your own words. Congratulations! Now Go and tell everyone about what Jesus has done for you, so that others can find Jesus and Salvation, too!

Then you must develop a relationship with Jesus by spending time alone with Him and talking to Him about everything and asking Him for His help; because we need to depend on Him for everything. We CAN'T do anything in our own strength. We need His wonderful help!

That's what the infilling of the Holy Ghost does! He is our Helper, our Comforter, our Teacher, our Guide! He is Jesus' Presence on the Earth!

We also need to be constantly reading and meditating on God's Word from then on so that we can learn how to think and live our lives.

"Thy Word have I HID in mine heart, that I might not SIN against thee!"

Psalms 119:11

"I will MEDITATE in Thy precepts (Word of God) and have respect (follow) Thy Ways." Psalm 119:15

Jesus' ways are written in the Holy Bible!

"The ENTRANCE of Thy WORD giveth LIGHT and it giveth UNDERSTANDING unto the SIMPLE!" Psalm 119:130

"Thy WORD is a LAMP unto my feet, and a LIGHT unto my PATH!" Ps. 119:105

The best Bible is the Authorized King James Bible. It is the only pure, unaltered version of the Bible in print today in English. It is so beautiful to read and you can get deeper and deeper meaning from the verses the more times you read it!

I highly recommend this version as your main Authority to go by and trust. The Amplified Bible will help you understand more clearly some things, but it has many things deleted from it that have been preserved for you by God, in the Authorized King James Bible.

