

Being Born 'Again'



Jesus explained the renewal of our spirits from being Dead to Alive again when He spoke with Nicodemus, a religious ruler. All human beings are born physically into this world from a protective womb of water. When this water breaks in a pregnant woman the process within the mother's body has finished and her child soon will arrive. In order to become the complete person that God originally intended, he/she must undergo a re-birth of the spirit also. Since the first man and woman sinned against God that phenomenon does not happen automatically though. It only takes place when we make the conscious decision to receive Jesus' blood ransom individually.

"There was a man named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, 'Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs You do unless God is with him.'

Jesus answered and said, 'Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God.'

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?'

Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. That which is born of flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again. The wind blows where it wishes and you can hear the sound of it but cannot tell where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

Nicodemus answered and said, 'How can these things be?'

Jesus answered and said to him, 'Are you the teacher of Israel and do not know these things? Most assuredly I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe how will you believe if I tell you Heavenly things? No one has ascended into Heaven but He Who came down from Heaven, that is, the Son of Man Who is in Heaven.

'As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting Life, for God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned but he who does not believe is condemned already because he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God. And, this is the condemnation: that the Light has come into the world and men loved darkness rather than the Light because their deeds were evil, for everyone who practices evil hates the Light and does not come to the Light lest his deeds should be exposed, but he who

does the truth comes to the Light that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God." (John 3:1-21)

An earthly seed reproduces another being like itself. We are born into the earth as physical creatures under the limitations and constraints of the first Adam. When he and the woman (only called Eve after they sinned and separated themselves from God and each other) had children, who had children, who had children, etc. every new conception perpetuated the bloodline and inheritance of his/her earthly parents. Therefore, all of mankind's seeds conceived under Satan's dominion instead of God's were imperfect and reproduced themselves increasingly as such. As mentioned, because of the Adams' treacherous decision God became severed from His Own children as soon as they let themselves become polluted. If allowed to remain within the Garden, since it was a part of His Kingdom they would have corrupted it and ultimately even Him, too. Additionally, if God had let them eat from the Tree of Everlasting Life, mankind would have remained distorted forever, with no remedy whatsoever capable of nullifying their disobedience.

All human beings are born to their natural parents under identical conditions, and a flawed seed generates another flawed seed. We are reborn--born again Spiritually, into God's Kingdom solely by individual choice. Someone else planted the embryo that later became our bodies with souls onto this planet. We had no input whatsoever in the matter. It even may have been that we were conceived without care or even under duress--like rape. We could be children, natural or adopted, of a closely-knit family. Or, we might not have any knowledge of our blood parents, even who they were.

However, if we decide to receive the gift of Jesus' death/Death and subsequent Spiritual resurrection in exchange for our non-renewed spirits, we will know exactly who our Father is, have a swell Big Brother, as well as be assured that we are wanted and loved unconditionally. No matter who we are or what we ever do, God desires to be with and help us. He does not necessarily approve of our behavior at times, but He still always loves us and hopes that we will return that love. (If you will not accept this notion yet you have not been paying attention.)

Since the Bible says that as well as being our parents' child we are God's, it must be almost unbearable for Him to watch us when we are sick and/or unsaved. Consider how even several centuries pale in comparison to forever. In Jesus Christ we can witness how God wants us to live--completely healthy, energetic, and strong.

"He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5b)

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow." (Hebrews 13:8)

When Jesus was in Heaven in a spirit form like His Father, not only was He invisible, He was Eternal, and everything else that makes up the Godly Trinity. When God the Father chose to send His Son on a mission of mercy to the earth, He had to be born as an authentic human being to be able to fulfill it. In other words, He had to exist like Someone capable of being killed. On the earth as a Man, God the Son's life was sustained with blood and it could become an offering to God the Father to undo the damage of sin. (*Leviticus 11:17*) Jesus literally was the Lamb of God. He was God's offering to people, just as they had sacrificed the blood of unblemished animals to Him for centuries. The difference was that individuals had to offer sacrifices regularly. God the Father and God the Son only had to do it for mankind once.

"The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has everlasting Life and he who does not believe in the Son shall not see Life, but the wrath of God abides in him." (John 3:35-36)