

## What does Jesus mean you must be born again.

I am doing this study to give my opinion of what I believe to be born again means, and to let you think about what you think it means. I am not in a competition about this it is just that I have heard so many different opinions about this subject. The words born again to me sounds like a new life, or a new start, what do you think? Let us have a look at scripture to see what solution we can arrive at. Amen.

### Born Again from above.

(John-3:1-8.) **1.** There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2.** 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 that You do unless God is with him."** **3.** Jesus answered and said to him, **"Most assuredly, 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, "Most assuredly, 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 the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

(Luke-17:21.) **21.** Nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' **For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."**

(Gal-4:6-7.) **6.** And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7.** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

(Gal-4:26.) **26.** But the **Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.**

(Rev-3:12.) **12.** He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, **the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God.** And I will write on him My new name.

(John-8:36.) **36.** **Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.**

### The will of God not of man.

(John-1:10-13.) **10.** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11.** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. **12.** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13. Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

(John-6:63.) **63.** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. **The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.**

(1-Cor-2:4-5.) **4.** And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5.** that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

(Eph-3:16-17.) **16.** That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, **17.** that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

(Heb-10:5-10.) **5.** Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. **6.** In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. **7.** Then I said, 'Behold, I have come-- In the volume of the book it is written of Me-- **To do Your will, O God.'** " **8.** Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), **9.** Then He said, **"Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God."** **He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10.** By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

(Matt-17:5.) **5.** While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!**"

(Mk-9:7.) (LK-9:35.) **Comment:** It seems like God's will is to listen to His Son Jesus, what do you think?

(John-10:27-28.) **27. My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and they follow Me. **28.** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

(Rom-8:14.) **14.** For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are sons of God.

(Luke-6:46.) **46.** "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?"

(Matt-16:24.) **24.** Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

(John-15:1-5.) **1.** "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. **2.** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.** **4.** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. **5.** I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

### Understanding Covenant's

**Comment:** Many people we meet seem to have a problem understanding the covenants; I believe that when you are born again that you are born into the new covenant. Let me give you some scripture to give you an understanding of what I mean.

(Deut-18:18-19.) **18.** I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. **19.** And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

**Comment:** This scripture also shows up in other places.

(John-5:46-47.) **46.** For if you believed Moses; you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. **47.** But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

(Acts-3:22-23.) **22.** For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. **23.** And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' **Comment:** I believe that Prophet is Jesus Christ.

(Jer-31:31-33.) **31.** "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—**32. NOT** according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. **33.** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

(Heb-8:6-8.) **6.** But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also **Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.** **7.** For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. **8.** Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—

(Matt-26:26-28.) **26.** And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." **27.** Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. **28. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

(Gal-3:22-25.) **22.** But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. **23.** But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. **24.** Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **25.** But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

(Rom-7:4-6.) **4.** Therefore, my brethren, you also have become **dead to the law through the body of Christ**, that you may be married to another--to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. **5.** For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. **6.** But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

(1-Cor-2:1-2.) **1.** And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. **2. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**

(Gal-2:20-21.) **20.** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. **21.** I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

(Gal-5:24-26.) **24.** And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25.** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26.** Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

(Gal-5:4.) **4.** You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

(Eph-2:8-9.) **8. For by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **9.** not of works, lest anyone should boast.

#### Old things have passed away.

(2-Cor-5:16-17.) **16.** Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. **17.** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

(Rom-12:1-2.) **1.** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. **2. And do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

(Jam-4:4.) **4.** Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

(1-John-2:15-17.) **15. Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16.** For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. **17.** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

(1-John-5:19.) **19.** We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

#### Spiritually minded not fleshly minded.

(John-3:30-33.) **30.** He must increase, but I must decrease. **31.** He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. **32.** And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. **33.** He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.

(John-4:23-24.) **23.** But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **24.** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

(1-Cor-2:16.) **16.** For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. (Phili-2:5.) **5.** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

(1-Cor-2:12.) **12.** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

(1-Cor-15:50.) **50.** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

(Rom-8:1-11.) **1.** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. **2.** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. **3.** For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, **4.** that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5.** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **6. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God;** for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. **8.** So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. **9.** But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. **10.** And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11.** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

**Jesus said: Hear My voice and follow Me**

(Luke-9:23.) **23.** Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and **follow Me.**

(Luke-14:27.) **27.** And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

(John-8:12.) **12.** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who **follows Me** shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

(Acts-26:12-18.) **12.** "While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, **13.** At midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. **14.** And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' **15.** So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **16.** But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. **17.** I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, **18. to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'**

(Matt-13:13-15.) **13.** Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. **14.** And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; **15.** For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'

**Be Saved.**

(Rev-3:20.) **20.** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

(Rom-10:8-10.) **8.** But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **9.** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10.** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**One Way.**

(John-14:6.) **6.** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

(Acts-4:10-12.) **10.** let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. **11.** This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'  
**12.** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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