

In John 3:7, Jesus said, “Ye must be born again.” That is a mind-blowing statement. Nicodemus had a pretty typical response, “How can that be? I have to enter back into my mother’s womb?” Well of course that is not what Jesus meant, but most have the same reaction of Nicodemus. I’m going to try to scrape the surface of this great Christian truth in this article.

You have a choice. You can either be born again or die the second death, which the Bible calls the lake of fire. If you have followed any of the past articles I have wrote, you know that this condemnation is not unwarranted, but because of rebellion and lawlessness against God. What does it mean to be born again? Well, let’s look at a natural birth and possibly we can glean some insight on this. When a baby is in the mother’s womb it cannot see. It is in complete darkness and blind to the outside world. It cannot see “the light.” Also, everything it hears is not as clear as one that has been born. The baby’s hearing is muffled due to the fact that it is inside the mother. The baby has had no experience with the outside world, only what it gathers from or through another, which in this case is the mother. In a nutshell, the baby cannot hear, see, or has had no experience with the outside world, until born.

This is what the unconverted person has: no seeing, no hearing, and no experience with God. When a person is born again it is much like the natural birth. Consummation of the Word of God (or hearing the Word), the labor of conviction, and the joy of a new babe being born into the Kingdom is the order it happens. When a person is born again they can now “see the Kingdom of God.” Light has come to them and instead of running from it now they see everything with that “light” aiding everything they see. Just as when you turn on a bright light in a room the dust is very apparent, the one who has been born again sees how prevalent sin is. The new convert can also hear the Voice of God. What before was muffled by the world, flesh, and devil is now clear. It is like having deaf ears unstopped. His voice seems so clear and now you love to hear the Bible preached and taught. What creates the above two is this: an experience with God. Instead of only hearing about God or only learning what you thought was God through or from another, now you have experienced God. You have past from darkness into light. He is your personal Lord and your personal Savior. He is in you and you are in Him, can you get more intimate than that?

When a person is born again, the person is entirely new. All of the old things have passed away and it is now made new. Jesus, as John the Baptist said, is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He doesn’t just cover up your sins, but cleanses you of them. Here is a simple truth that I wish every Christian would understand. The Holy Ghost comes into the life of the one that is born again. The Holy Ghost is holy, and if He is in you then you are holy. If you are not holy, then He is not in you. The Holy Ghost comes not to speak of himself but to glorify Christ. If the Holy Ghost is in you then that is what you will do. The biggest (and most forgotten about today) aspect of the new birth is that it makes you new! If you have not been changed by the power of God then you have not been born again. Taking a bath with a priest or preacher speaking over you does not mean you have been born again. How can you be born again? You need to cry out to God and ask Him to change you and forgive you. He is faithful.

Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.