

Born Again

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John 3.1-16

Jesus said that unless you are born again, you cannot see the kingdom of God.

What does He mean? Have *you* been born again?

Nicodemus: Interested but apprehensive

- A member of the ruling council (Sanhedrin) that as a group was overwhelmingly _____ of Jesus
- An _____ observer _____ by the signs
- An implied question: _____ ?

Jesus: A puzzling response

- “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
- “_____” or “from _____”? Nicodemus hears the former; Jesus likely *primarily* means the latter.
- Born of water *and* the spirit (or Spirit): a _____ and a _____ birth
- The spiritual birth is a _____!

Elements of the new birth

- God’s part: the _____ of Jesus to take away _____
- Our part: _____ resulting in _____

The explanation of the new birth doesn’t end here; it only begins! Next time we will look at the gospel in a nutshell as the Scriptures more fully explain God’s plan through the ministry of Jesus.

But let’s repeat the question asked at the beginning even today: Are you sure that you have been born again—from above?