

## You Must Be Born Again

Jesus said, **“You must be born again.”** (John 3:7) Jesus said this when he was explaining to Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews who came to Jesus at night asking Him about the signs that He had been performing. Nicodemus said to Jesus, **“No one can do these signs unless God is with Him.”**

Jesus replied, **“Truly, truly I say unto you, unless one is born from above he cannot see the Kingdom of God.”**

This puzzled Nicodemus and he asked Jesus, **“How can a man be born when he is old? A man cannot enter into his mother’s womb a second time and be born, can he?”**

Jesus answered, **“Truly, truly, I say unto 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.”** (John 3:3-7)

Jesus was explaining that we must be born spiritually if we are to enter the Kingdom of God. John says earlier in his gospel, **“As many as received Jesus, to them He would give the right to become children of God, to those who would believe in His Name, who would be born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”** (John 1:12&13)

### STEP 1 - God’s Love

Jesus told Nicodemus, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”** (John 3:16)

When man is born naturally he is already separated from God because of the sin of Adam which brought separation from God to all mankind. So it is that man cannot truly know or experience God’s love unless he enter into the new life Jesus came to bring.

Jesus said, **“I have come that you might have new life and have it abundantly.”** (John 10:10) So we must be willing to come to Him that we might receive this newness of life.

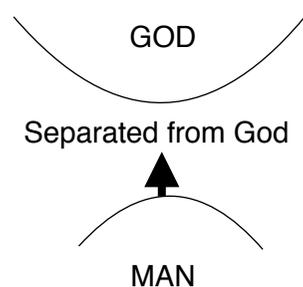
You too can receive this new life if you come to Him.

### STEP 2 - Man’s Problem Is Separation

God created man to fellowship with Himself. Adam, the first of God’s creation walked with God but because of his self-will he rebelled against God’s command and so separated himself from God. The result was spiritual death. Although Adam was still alive physically he could no longer walk with God and all mankind inherited this same separation. We therefore sin because we desire to please ourselves rather than God, just as Adam did.

**“For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”** (Romans 3:23)

**“The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.”** (Romans 6:23)



### STEP 3 - Jesus Is The Answer

**“But God shows His love for us, in that whilst we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** (Romans 5:8) Jesus is the only way to be saved because, **“There is only one Mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ.”** (1 Timothy 2:5) Jesus said, **“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man comes to the Father except by Me.”** (John 14:6)

The good news is that we can be saved **“by grace, through faith, and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.”** (Ephesians 2:8)

Receiving Jesus, however, means that we must turn to God by faith and ask Jesus to be Lord. **Receiving Jesus is allowing Him to be Lord of our life.**

If you wish, you can come to Jesus today and ask Him to be Lord. You can ask Him to come and give you new life, that you might live your life for Him and no longer for yourself. You can ask Jesus to be your Lord, your

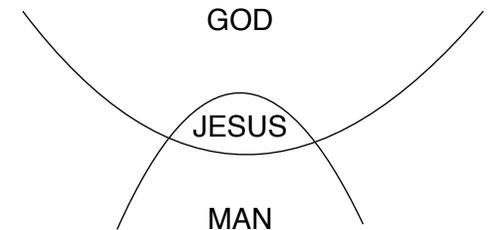
Shepherd and your Saviour. It only requires that this be the sincere desire of your heart for Jesus has made the way by dying on the cross for the sin of the whole world. Jesus has paid the price to redeem us.

### STEP 4 - How To Receive Christ and Make Him Lord.

**“As many as received Him, to them He gave power to become sons of God, even to those who believe in His Name.”** (John 1:12)

Before we are born again we are lord of our own lives and Jesus is outside of our life. Anything we wish to do we can because Jesus is not our Lord, we are. We must, therefore, make Jesus Lord of our lives and desire to do that which is the will of the Heavenly Father. Jesus must become our one and only Master - our King.

Jesus said, **“Whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.”** (Matthew 16:25)



**“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only one true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”** (John 17:3)

So we can come to Jesus and ask Him to be Lord of our lives; to take away that which separates us from God, and to give us new life - abundant life.

This is possible because Jesus died for the sin of the whole world and was raised to give us new life. (see 1 John 2:2 and Romans 6:4)

We can then come to know the love of God that passes all understanding and to have Jesus care for us as our Shepherd. We can have eternal life.

## A Prayer

**“If you confess with your mouth, Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”** (Romans 10:9)

Lord Jesus, I come to you that you might take my life and forgive all my sin and give me Your life. Thank you that you died on the cross to pay the price for my sin so that I might be forgiven. Thank you Father that you raised Jesus from the dead that I might receive new life in Him.

Please forgive me for all my sins and for all that I have done wrong. I ask you Lord Jesus to take my life and I give you my heart and ask you to come into my life as my Lord and Saviour.

Lord Jesus, I receive you now. Please come into my life and change me.

Amen

## A Confession

Jesus, I believe that you were raised from the dead and are alive. I come to you now and confess with my mouth that you are my Lord.

It is good to tell someone that you have given your life to Jesus, confessing Him also before men.

The next step is the Lord's. It is He who gives us new life. Wait on Him.

## Assurance

**“Whoever believes in the Son of God has this witness in his heart... This is the witness that God has given us eternal life, and this life is ours in His Son... Whoever has the Son has life... I write this so that you might know you have eternal life.”** (see 1 John 3:10-13)

## New Life And A New Walk With God

**“Therefore as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.”** (Colossians 2:6)

When we are born again God puts a new heart and a new spirit in us and He removes our heart of stone from our flesh and gives us a heart of flesh. He then puts His Spirit within us to cause us to walk in His ways and to be careful to carry out His commandments. (see Ezekiel 36:26&27)

**“I will put My laws into their inner parts and I will write them on their hearts and I will be their God and they shall be My people... for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, for I shall be merciful to their iniquities and I will remember them no more.”** (Hebrews 8:10-12)

When we are born again, not only are we given a new spirit but the Holy Spirit Himself comes into us to be our Helper and our Teacher. We can ask Him whatever we will and He will teach us and lead us into all Truth. Expect Him to bring you the answers to those questions that you have in your heart. Let Him teach you. Christ, by His Spirit is also in you to lead you as a newborn son of God.

Know that you have received an anointing within that now abides in you and that this anointing will teach you about all things and is true and not a lie. So Abide in Him. (see 1 John 2:27) Learn to listen to the still small voice of God in your inner man.

## Learn To Pray

You can now pray every day in a new way, **“Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your Kingdom come, on earth, and in my life, as it is in heaven. Give me this day my daily bread, both natural and spiritual food, and forgive me my sins as I forgive those who sin against me. Lead me away from temptation and deliver me from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory. Amen.”** (see Luke 11:2-4)

Know that talking with the Lord in your heart is prayer. If you do anything wrong, ask the Lord to forgive you straight away. Keep a short account. And walk in the newness of life that you have received.

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