

Born Again

(Regeneration)

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- What happens in rebirth?
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Who must be born again?

- You, singular (3:3) individual person
- You, plural (3:7) Jews, world
- Right Rev. Professor Dr. Nicodemus
- Samaritan with five failed marriages

Why is rebirth necessary?

- All are spiritually dead in sin.
- Flesh can only produce flesh.
- Sinners love darkness, not light.
- Prophets and apostles say so.
- Heaven-sent Son says so.

What happens in rebirth?

- New life, not religion or morals
- Having Christ-life within, not just knowing Jesus is from God
- Born of God, not human decision
- Mysterious but evident newness

How are you born again?

- **Incarnation:** humanity united to Deity
- **Water:** blood-washed and forgiven
- **Spirit:** new heart and union with Christ
- **Word:** life-bearing seed, internal call
- **Faith:** believing and receiving Christ

What are results of rebirth?

- **Faith:** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. (5:1)
- **Love:** Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (4:7)
- **Action:** Everyone who does what is right has been born of him. (2:29)
- **Victory:** Everyone born of God overcomes the world. (1 John 5:4)

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