

Who You Are Spiritually?

John 3:1-5

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." 4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

Our First Observation:

1) Without new birth there is no life and no relationship with God

- a. **John 14:6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
 - **John 10:9** I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

The new birth is an act of God. This experience is accomplished by placing faith in Christ as Savior.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name

Titus 3:5

3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, **5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,** 6 whom

he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

James 1:18

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. **18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.**

1 Peter 1:22

22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. **23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.**

2 Corinthians 5:17

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. **17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**

Our Second Observation

2) In new birth, new perspective comes as we see the kingdom of God. God's word becomes clear, and the Holy Spirit's works and wonders are believed and experienced – faith comes alive.

- a. **John 3:3** Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

(Ref for John 3:3) John 1:9-13

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— **13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.**

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Our Third Observation:

3) Through new birth we are introduced- literally we “enter” to a new realm, where God’s new kingdom order can be realized.

- a. **John 3:5** Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

New birth is more than simply being saved. It is requalifying experience, opening up the possibilities of our whole being to the supernatural dimension of life and fitting us for a beginning in Gods Kingdom order

(Ref for John 3:5) Titus 3:5

4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, **5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,** 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

(Ref for John 3:2)

Acts 2:22

22 “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men,[d] put him to death by nailing him to the cross. **24** But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 10:38

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

(Ref for John 3:5)

Titus 3:5

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(Ref for John 3:6)

1 Cor 15:50

50 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Additional Cross Reference Scriptures

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Romans 6:11

11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Galatian 5:1

5 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Eph 4:20-24

20 That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.