

Why Must You Be Born Again?

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Main Text: John 3:1-3

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

(NKJV)

Nicodemus was a religious man who is having difficulty understanding how Jesus does miracles unless He is God.

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"Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Jesus just interrupts him and tells him that he must be born again to get to heaven. Jesus didn't respond to his comment but answered him with the need for all of humanity. We must be born again!

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Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

Nicodemus responds with the same question that every responds – "How can a man be born a second time. (which Jesus calls born again).

- I remember the day a pastor shared this scripture with me and I responded the same way Nicodemus did. It's amazing to me how I could repeat something that happened 2,000 years ago and never having read the bible.
- Everyone that I have shared the Gospel with and told them that they must be born again responded in the same exact way. Nicodemus represents us.

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Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Jesus responds and the key thing He says is in found in verse :6 *"What is born of flesh is flesh and that which is born of Spirit is spirit"*

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"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"

Notice what Jesus says – *"Do not marvel..."*

- Some versions say *"why are you amazed at what I said?"*
- I am sure that Nicodemus must have looked shocked otherwise Jesus would not have said *"Why are you amazed"*.

What is Jesus really saying here?

- There two births for every human being on the planet.
 - One birth gets here.
 - One birth gets you there - heaven.
 - One birth made you flesh.
 - One birth makes you spirit.

The only way you got here, on this planet for all of us to see, is by being born of the flesh.

The only way you will get into heaven, for all the angels to see, is to be born of the Spirit.

Scriptural Evidence –

In **Genesis 1** God makes everything and He makes this very powerful statement: *"Every seed will bring forth of its own kind"*

- The only way a dog became a dog is because it was born a dog. And dogs make dogs.

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- The only way a cow became a cow is because it was born a cow. And cows only make cows.
 - Thank God that cows still produce cows. Because I really like Porterhouse steak.

- God has ordained every thing to stay within its own kingdom.
 - Cows stay in the animal Kingdom
 - Birds stay in the bird kingdom
 - Fish stay in the fish kingdom
 - Mickey mouse stays in the Magic Kingdom (a joke)
 - Ever heard of the Kingdom of Heaven or Kingdom of God?

- God put up walls between them and there is no crossing over! The only way to get into a kingdom is to be born into it.

The only way to get into the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God is to be born into it! That is why you must be born again.