

Receive The Holy Spirit pt2 – Be Born Again

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[Jhn 20:22 NASB95] 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

[Jhn 3:1-8, 16 NASB95] 1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; 2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God [as] a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." ... 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

- Nicodemus asked the most important questions that could be asked.
- Unless you are born again, you will not enter the Kingdom of God. This completely differs from the nominal Christianity that has reduced Christianity to positive thinking, karaoke, and lectures.
- Christianity is a total remake of who you are. It is not an add-on. It is a radical change of extreme distinction between who you are and who you will be. **This is being born again.**

What role does the Holy Spirit play in being born again?

Here are three aspects of the role of the Holy Spirit in us being born again.

I. Conviction.

- a. [Jhn 16:8 NASB95] 8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;
- b. This is the wooing of God—the drawing of others to Himself. [1Co 12:3 NASB95] 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.
- c. Two calls of the Holy Spirit.
 - i. Repentance.
 1. [Act 20:21 NASB95] 21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
 2. The Greek word for repentance, metanoia, means "a change of mind"—not a superficial or temporary change, but a fundamental change in attitudes.
 - ii. Faith.
 1. Intellectual. [Rom 10:17 NASB95] 17 So faith [comes] from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
 2. Emotional. [Mat 13:20-21 NASB95] 20 "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no [firm] root in himself but is [only] temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

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3. Volitional.

- a. Biblical Hebrew and Koine Greek NT: Belief = Submission (Faith obedience).

II. Regeneration.

- a. [Tit 3:5 NASB95] 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,
- b. [2Co 5:17 NASB95] 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, [he is] a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
- c. A work of God resulting from responding to the wooing of God.

III. Adoption.

- a. [Rom 8:13-15 NASB95] 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"
- b. You are now His child.

IV. Respond:

- a. Accept the conviction of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Live like a new creature.
 - c. Believe you are now His Child.
- **We become born again when we respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and allow Him to remake us, which gives us a new relationship with God as our Father. Receive the Holy Spirit.**