



When You're Born Again, You're Born Again



Welcome to the family of God! When you made the decision to make Jesus Christ your Lord you made the most important decision of your life! You were taken out of the kingdom of darkness and placed in the kingdom of God by a spiritual event known as the new birth, or being born again. It is called regeneration which means your human spirit is born again from above. (Titus 3:5)

When you are born again you receive a regenerated (born again) spirit. You may not feel anything different, but the angels in heaven rejoiced when you said "Yes!" to Jesus. We have a spirit and a soul and live in a body. *"And I pray God your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (1 Thessalonians 5:23b) You respond to God with your spirit, you respond to other people with your soul, and you respond to the physical world around you with your body.



The born-again experience is the beginning of a brand new way of living. 1 Peter 2:2 says, *"As newborn babies, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby."* Jesus doesn't expect you to be perfect as a Christian, but He does want you to grow and develop spiritually.

Jesus said, *"You must be born again"* (John 3:7). God recreates your spirit by His Holy Spirit, who comes to live inside of you when you are born again. Your soul and body are not born again when you are born again, only your spirit.

You became a new creature in Christ when you were born again. *"Therefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; (under new proprietorship-you now belong to God.)* (2 Corinthians 5:17) Jesus now lives in your heart, but you also live in His! A new system of values and desires has come with your new spirit. *"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me; and the life that I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* (Galatians 2:20) *"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."* (Galatians 5:24)

Galatians 5:22,23 describes what comes out of your new spirit. *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and moderation in all things."* These fruits of the Holy Spirit are the way you will interact with other people when you are born again and your mind, which is part of your soul, is renewed on the Word of God by the Holy Spirit.

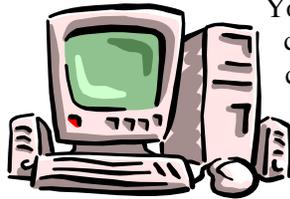


Your body can be brought into subjection to your re-born spirit as you identify with Jesus in His physical death, burial and resurrection when you are baptized in water. If you have not been baptized in water since you were born again, take the first opportunity to do it. *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."* (Galatians 3:27)

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Your mind must be renewed with the Word of God so that Christ may sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word. *“And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so you will know what is the good acceptable and perfect will of God.”* (Romans 12:2) You have the same mind after the new birth that you had before the new birth. Your mind will still think the old wrong thoughts. Your life becomes better in every area as you renew your mind with God’s Word.

Reprogramming your mind with the Word of God is a process that takes time and persistence.



Your mind is like a computer – what you program into it will be what comes back out (of your mouth) and what appears on the screen of your conscious thoughts. While you’re in the process of renewing your mind, you are going to still sin sometimes. But 1 John 1:9 tells you what to do when you sin, in order to be free of it. *“If you confess your sins, He is faithful and just to forgive your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness.”*

You must have your mind established (unchangeable) about what happened when you were born again. Knowing that every sin you ever did commit or ever will commit is forgiven by the blood of Jesus Christ shed at Calvary when they hung Him on a cross so that He could take the penalty for all sin in His body. Anyone from that moment on, who believed that He was the Son of God and that He died and came alive again and returned to heaven, would be saved and forgiven for all eternity!



Until you know, that you know, that you know, that you are truly born again and will live forever in the family of God; until this is settled in you, you will be like James 1:8 says, *“A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”* To be double minded means to believe one thing one minute, and not believe it the next – to think one way about something and then later think entirely another way.

Wisdom, knowledge and understanding will only come, if you know you are born again – because when you’re born again, **YOU ARE BORN AGAIN** and there is no way to get unborn from God your Father.



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1. What do you receive when you are born again? _____
2. You respond to God with your _____, you respond to people with your _____, and you respond to the physical world around you with your _____.
3. How does God recreate your spirit? _____
4. What two things are not born again when your spirit is?

5. When Jesus lives in your heart, where do you live?

6. What does Galatians 5:22 describe?

7. What do you identify with when you are baptized in water?

8. What stays the same after my new birth? _____
9. How must I renew my mind? _____
10. Why is my mind like a computer?

11. What results from letting your mind go in two directions? (James 1:8)
(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

MEMORY VERSE _____

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2. You respond to God with your spirit, you respond to people with your soul, and you respond to the physical world around you with your body.
3. How does God recreate your spirit? By His Holy Spirit.
4. What two things are not born again when your spirit is?
My soul and body.
5. When Jesus lives in your heart, where do you live? In His heart.
6. What does Galatians 5:22 describe? What comes out of your new spirit.
7. What do you identify with when you are baptized in water?
Jesus' physical death, burial and resurrection.
8. What stays the same after my new birth? My mind and my body.
9. How must I renew my mind? With the Word of God.
10. Why is my mind like a computer?
What I program into it is what will come out.
11. What results from letting your mind go in two directions? (James 1:8)
MEMORY VERSE "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."