

John 3:1-6,8 ESV

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 are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

[3] Jesus answered 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? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

[5] Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of **water** (Eph5:25&26; 1Pet1:23; Jms1:18) **and the Spirit**, he cannot **enter 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 marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

[8] The wind(Spirit) blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

That which is born of the flesh is flesh

born in

- ***Sin - corruption - rebellion - with uncontrollable appetite for that which is contrary to God, His ways and attributes. - Born in darkness***

No one born by the flesh could control subdue or have dominion over.... We were lost and we belonged to a "KINGDOM CALLED DARKNESS" prior to my BORN AGAIN EXPERIENCE I was a slave to sin and the KINGDOM OF DARKNESS. I WAS VOID OF LIFE HOPE AND A FUTURE WE WERE DEAD MEN WALKING...

Until God said LET THERE BE LIGHT GEN1v1-5 (sons of the day 1Thess5v5)

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. :2 **The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.** And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.:3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. :4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.:5 God called the light **Day**, and the darkness he called **Night**. And there was evening (darkness) and there was morning,(light) the first day.

1Th 5:5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

God doesn't leave it there – **“that which is Born of the Spirit is Spirit”** – God was about to bring

· **the greatest deliverance, the greatest miracle of mankind, a restoration of what was, what he had designed to be. What He longed for sons and daughters after Himself - That which is born of the Spirit is Spirit....**

*He likens the Spirit to the wind; **the Spirit is as free and as mysterious in his regenerating new-birth work as the unseen wind.***

- *You don't control the wind.*
- *You don't make the wind come.*
- *You don't make the wind go. It just comes and It goes. It does what it does*
- *You can hear it*
- *You can feel it*
- *You can experience both its gentleness and its power and that's the way it is with God's sovereign Spirit in whom he makes alive and gives new birth too...*

We didn't make our first natural birth. We don't make our second spiritual birth.

We don't raise ourselves from the dead.

We don't create new life in our souls. It is a gift. It's a miracle of God.

We don't initiate it.

We don't control it. – it will come to whomever and its effect will be seen and felt by all who experience it

It's the sovereign mysterious work of Holy Spirit God.

This second birth its called being "born again"

JN3v5 says we need to be "Born of the water and the Spirit" otherwise he cannot see or enter the Kingdom of God;

The Holy Spirit does not come and whisper a personal gospel in our ear. We have to hear about Him through the sharing of the gospel. Paul says in

Romans 10:17, "***Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.***"

Eph2v8&9 *For by grace you have been **saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God**, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them*

What we learn then is **that faith is a work of the Holy Spirit in the new birth – it's the drawing of the SPIRIT His love His passion His will**, He **enacted** the moment when my ears are able to hear, and my heart has the capacity to receive.... Because He allowed me to hear His word of truth. and then I make a choice to follow Him.

James 1:18 ESV ***Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

1 Peter 1:23 ESV *since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, **(Spirit of God)** through the living and abiding word of God;*

BORN OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE LIVING AND ABIDING WORD OF GOD.”

Born of the Spirit, born through the word. So what we see is that the **sovereign Spirit of God binds himself to the word of God because THE HOLY SPIRITS primary work is to glorify the Son. Who is made manifest in the preaching of the word of God.**

John 16:14** ESV *He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.* **1 Peter 1:3-7 READ

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pe 1:4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1Pe 1:6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

1Pe 1:7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

THIS BORN AGAIN MIRACLE THAT OCCURRED IN OUR LIFE THAT MADE US A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST INCLUDES THE TRANSLATION FROM THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT AND THE POSITION HE HAS PLACED ME IN AND THE INDWELLING OF HIS SPIRIT WITHIN ME AND HIS FRUITFULNESS REVEALED THROUGH ME BECAUSE OF THE GREATNESS OF HIS LOVE TOWARDS ME IS ALL TO GLORIFY AND REVEAL JESUS THE CHRIST

SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I CONFESS WITH MY MOUTH AND BELIEVE IN MY HEART THAT
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD THAT HE IS THE SON OF GOD AND DIED AND ROSE AGAIN

