



You Must Be Born Again

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TODAY'S READING: John 3

In our reading today, John recalls a meeting between a devout man of God and Jesus. In the meeting Jesus helps Nicodemus understand what is necessary for someone to follow 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'"* (John 3:3 NKJV).

One must be born again! My friends, this is the transformation from being spiritually dead, to being made spiritually alive! This is a very hard concept for the everyday man to comprehend, as it was for this notable Jew from the Pharisee order. You see, one must be in alignment with the Holy Spirit of God to be led and guided by the Holy Spirit. You must be born again! This is the only way you can understand the things of God. And there is no better educator than God Himself. Listen to how Jesus states this fact, *"If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven"* (John 3:12-13 NKJV).

Only He, the Almighty God, can penetrate the heart and mind of man, because He knows man and has lived among man. You see that was His purpose, the God/man Jesus, as He descended from heaven to save the world from sin and continual degradation, *"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved"* (John 3:17 NKJV).

My friends, this is the beauty of God's plan of salvation! We, degenerate and wicked mankind, only deserve death due to our sinful, evil and wicked ways. Through Jesus, if we believe, follow, obey and abide in Him, He cleanses us from all unrighteousness! We become regenerate sinners that are born again with a new nature!! The next passage puts this in better perspective, *"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God"* (John 3:18 NKJV). This is who we are and to whom we represent, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

PRAYER: Our Father in Heaven, Jehovah God, thank You for allowing Your Holy Spirit to guide us in Your word today. Father, please continue to help us flesh out who Jesus is and why! Help us focus, Father, in our walk with Him to do our best to live like Christ lived and love as He loves. Father, we know this will not be easy, however we DO understand that everything is possible in and through Him. It is in His matchless name we pray, amen!

TOMORROW'S READING: John 4

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