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## TO BE BORN AGAIN!

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#### **John 3:3-4**

*<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born again." <sup>4</sup> "How can anyone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" (TNIV)*

Many people say they are born again but they don't really know that to be born again is more than a transformation. Nicodemus went to Jesus and said to Him that they (Him and other Pharisees) knew that He could not do the things He did if He were not from God. Nicodemus was implying that they were not coming from God and were leaders without power. Jesus addressed to Nicodemus how he could get that power for if he understood that Jesus came from God and for him to reach the level of Jesus, he would have to be born again. What Jesus was speaking was very dangerous. Nicodemus' understanding was not of the same level as Jesus' level of understanding. Jesus was talking about being born again and Nicodemus was talking about being born once (by the will of the flesh) and having many experiences. Jesus was saying if truly you need to be born again you are supposed to live another life than the one you know. You must experience new things than those you have experienced. Nicodemus was already 70 years old and wondered how he could go back to being small and taught again to grow.

#### **1 Peter 1:21-23**

*<sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. (TNIV)*

If you can be born again you will be aware, you will have a revelation which will bring forth understanding. Listen, many people are going to church but lack awareness. Let awareness be revived that you may be able to realize that it is not experience but what God says. All your experiences and failures won't count or matter before God. If you are aware, you will see and if you see you will discover. Listen unless you are aware, you will never find what will makes you to discover. Many of you the reason why you say you are born again and are still sinning is because you have not yet discovered your life. When you are born again you know the life that you were living and you will not go to it again.

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**John 8:32**

*<sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (TNIV)*

You will know the truth and you will be free. For you to be born again is to be living in freedom and the life of the past should not matter anymore. Many of us don't know that to be born again is to be transferred from a meaningless light to the Kingdom of Light. In darkness you are not visible and you cannot see where you are going but in the light you know where you are going; you can discover and understand your destiny.

**Ephesians 3:19-20**

*<sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, (TNIV)*

When you are born again you know where you are going, you have plans but you are able to crush them and plan new ones. You reach a level of knowing the love of Christ and by so doing, when you ask and think God does above. The reason why we are not fruitful is because we undermine the stage of being born again but the moment you are born again you have sight to discover, to know and you are filled with the fullness of God; you think things and God does them. If you are born again realization comes, you can see and discover and know that there are things that in the name of Jesus they will happen. If you are born of God you are one with God, you will think like God and what you think will happen. Don't lack the benefits of being born again. You were born in a family of lack, now that you are born of God you can prove that all things are possible.

**Romans 6:6-10**

*<sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, a that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. (TNIV)*

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Check yourself, if your old nature is still there question if truly you are born again, if you worry like a heathen your birth in God is questionable. To be born again is to have the ability of the one who gave birth to you and who gave birth to you cannot fail therefore your nature won't allow you to fail. To be born again your character and your prayer life needs change. Look at yourself and don't wait for anyone to judge you; look at yourself before someone else accuses you. The moment you understand, when you think, something will happen and whatever you ask will be granted. The moment I knew I was born again, I said I don't want to be like anyone else but like Jesus.

#### **Revelation 1:6**

<sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. (TNIV)

You are not limited, you are like Jesus. You may be a failure but it was of the past and as you are now born again, you are not in the place of distress. We need Christians who know where they are going and no longer compromise. We need Christians who are up and not down. You can't waste time in prayer; before you pray check yourself. Many justify themselves before checking themselves and this is a mistake many Christians commit.

#### **Job 19:25-26**

<sup>25</sup> I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. <sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; (TNIV)

Job said though he had sores and it looked as though it were better for him to die, after everything that had happened he would still see God. A person who is born again is there to break records. Everyone born outside Jerusalem was regarded as nothing as they had nothing to prove that God is on their side. When Peter and the other disciples said that the Messiah was from outside Jerusalem many did not believe in them. There are some people who know what is happening with your life but don't know your destiny. When you are born of God, when you come from a place that is not known, you will be a surprise to those who have rendered you useless.

I know that this God we serve doesn't care where you were born, He checks if He is the one who gave birth to you and if He is the one, there is no sickness which will stay longer in your body. If you are born in a family of diabetes, you will come with a different blood status, they are poor but you can't be poor for you know the one who gave birth to you. You are different. We need Christians

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who know that they are born again. Many are still holding onto your failures and decisions and mock your Christianity, but they don't know that God is able. Know yourself and don't wait for signs, be that sign; God will make sure that you will not fail.

**1 Corinthians 2:12**

<sup>12</sup>We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. (TNIV)

This Spirit that you are given when you are born again makes you to know. You pray direct prayers and not many idle prayers, there are things that you need to know that you have been given freely and you don't even have to pray for them. You people are to be rich and healed for it is free. By His stripes you are healed therefore you can't pray for healing. There is a Spirit that will make you know that you are to receive things freely; for you to receive blessings it is something you are to know and agree with. If you have received the Spirit of God when you are born again, which kind of spirit then makes you to pray unnecessary prayers?

**Romans 8:32**

<sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (TNIV)

If God gave you Jesus without you fasting, then why do you fast for all that God has given you through Jesus. Your Father is very rich, you can't be poor. When you are lacking to get what you want, it might be questionable regarding the kind of Spirit you have received. If truly you are born of God, that poverty is a testimony, are you worried? Testimony. You can't compete with your enemies because you are not their type. You are not that type of suffering, of shame, of falling, of lack, of unemployment; whatever you touch you will go forward. Jesus is on your side, you cannot fail. You are succeeding.