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You Must Be Born Again

You Can Trust Him • Part 3

TEXT John 3:1-21

ASK Have I only learned about God, or have I truly been born again by His Spirit?



Jesus didn't come to make bad people better; He came to make spiritually dead people alive, and the God who gives you new life is the same God you can trust with your today.

God Was Silent, But He Was Still Moving

The Old Testament ends with a promise: a messenger like Elijah would come. Then heaven seemed silent for about 400 years. But in that silence Alexander spread a common language, the Scriptures were translated into Greek, and Rome connected the nations with roads and commerce. Then John the Baptist arrived to prepare the way, and in the fullness of time, Jesus came.

Malachi 4:5–6,
ESV



Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers.

Matthew 11:13–
14, ESV



For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

Galatians 4:4,
ESV



But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.



REMEMBER

God's silence was never God's absence. Just because you cannot see God moving does not mean God is not working.

Religious Knowledge Is Not Spiritual Life

Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a ruler of the Jews and a teacher of Israel. He knew the Scriptures and the traditions, and he came to Jesus by night recognizing that God was with Him. Jesus didn't talk about miracles or congratulate him on his knowledge. He went straight to the heart of the matter.

John 3:2, ESV 

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.

John 3:3, ESV 

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.



REMEMBER

You can know the Scriptures and still need the Savior. You can know about God without truly knowing God.

You Must Be Born Again

God created us body, soul and spirit, made for fellowship with Him. Sin entered through Adam and brought spiritual death: not spiritually sick or weak, but dead, separated from the life of God. Jesus didn't say become more religious, become a better person, or work harder. He said you must be born again. Religion cannot produce spiritual life. Only God can.

John 3:6–7,
ESV



That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

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Thessalonians
5:23, ESV



May your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:12,
ESV



Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

Ephesians 2:4–
5, ESV



But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.



REMEMBER

We don't just need improvement. We need new life. The new birth is not optional; it is essential.

The Old Man Wars Against the New Man

Why does sin bother you now when it never used to? Before Christ, sin felt natural. After you're born again, your desires begin to change, the Holy Spirit convicts you, and you become sensitive to things that once didn't bother you. The flesh still pulls you backward, but the Spirit leads you forward.

Galatians 5:17,
ESV



For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other.

2 Corinthians
5:17, ESV



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians
6:14, ESV



For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?



REMEMBER

You're not just trying to live differently. God has made you new.

The First Adam Brought Death. Jesus Brought Life.

Jesus came to reverse what sin brought into humanity. He lived without sin, died in your place, was buried, and rose again on the third day. He didn't die for His sin; He died for yours. Through faith we are united with Him in His death and resurrection, and He came to give us abundant life: life through His Spirit, His presence and His promises, life that continues into eternity.

**1 Corinthians
15:45, ESV**



The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

**Romans 6:4,
ESV**



Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**Romans 10:13,
ESV**



For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**John 10:10,
ESV**



I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.



REMEMBER

He died so you could live. That doesn't mean life without difficulty; it means a living Savior in every difficulty.

Church, You Can Trust Him

The God who saved you is the same God who will sustain you, and His names reveal His character. Jehovah Jireh, the LORD will provide. Jehovah Rapha, the LORD who heals. Jehovah Shalom, the LORD is peace. Jehovah Nissi, the LORD is my banner. Jehovah Tsidkenu, the LORD our righteousness. Jehovah Rohi, the LORD my shepherd. Jehovah Shammah, the LORD is there. El Shaddai, God Almighty. Immanuel, God with us. You can trust Him.

Genesis 22:14,
ESV



So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide."

Psalms 23:1,
ESV



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Matthew 1:23,
ESV



And they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us).

Philippians 4:6,
ESV



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1 Peter 5:7, ESV



Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.



REMEMBER

If you can trust Him with your eternity, you can trust Him with your today.

The Response

The God who created you loves you. The God who loves you sent His Son for you. The God who raised Jesus from the dead is the same God who makes you alive in Christ.

- ✓ If you have never been born again, call on the name of the Lord today. Everyone who calls on Him will be saved.
 - ✓ Thank Him for the new desires He is growing in you, and follow the Spirit when the old patterns pull you back.
 - ✓ Name what you've been carrying (family, marriage, health, finances, the future) and cast it on Him.
 - ✓ Pick one name of God from today and pray it over your week.
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You don't have to understand everything to trust the One who holds everything. Church, He is faithful. He is good. He is alive. And He is worthy of your trust.

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