

The Message Notes

Series: Biblical Human History 101

Message: *Born Again – New Creation*

Text: St. John 3:3-8

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John 3:3. Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.” **4.** “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?” **5.** Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. **6.** Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. **7.** So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’ **8.** The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”

Introduction: John 3:1-8

- v3 Jesus explained to Nicodemus the **importance** of being born again.
- v.4 Nicodemus did not understand so he asked the question.
- v5-6 Jesus explained how a person is **born again**.
- v.8 Jesus explained to Nic that being born of the Spirit cannot be explained in human terms.

Message: Born again experience begins with the gospel and have the following **four effects**:

- You **repent** “cut to the heart”
- You **receive** “what shall we do?”
- You **reborn** “receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”
- You **respond** “you follow Christ”

Effect #1. Repent from Sin – “When the people heard this (gospel), they were **cut to the heart**.”

- **Repentance** should be **preached**: Matthew 4:17, Acts 20:21, 2 Corinthians 7:10, John 16:8, John 6:44, Philipians 2:13

Repent – a change of **mind** and **disposition** toward **sin** that causes you to **turn to God by faith** in Christ. Genuine repentance turns you away from sin and unto God.

General call everyone is called to repent and come to God. The **Irresistible call** comes from the Father dealing with us and eventually drawing us to Himself.

Effect #2. Receive Christ – “What shall we do? “**Repent** and be **baptized**, everyone one of you, in the name of **Jesus Christ** for the **forgiveness** of your sins.

Romans 10:9. If you openly **declare** that Jesus is **Lord** and **believe** in your **heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**.

- You **repented** of sin
- You **received** Christ by faith, and baptism

Effect #3. Reborn by the Spirit – “And you will **receive** the **gift** of the **Holy Spirit**.”

Ephesians 1:13 (NLT) And now you Gentiles have also **heard the truth**, the Good News that **God saves you**. And when you **believed in Christ**, he **identified you** as his own by giving you the **Holy Spirit**, whom he promised long ago. (NLT)

- You heard the word of truth (gospel)
- You believed in Christ
- You were born of His Spirit

Titus 3:5 (NLT) he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He **washed** away our **sins**, giving us a **new birth** and **new life** through the Holy Spirit.

“The imago Christi (image of Christ)”

Romans 8:29. For whom He **foreknew**, He also predestined to be conformed to the **image** of His Son, that He might be the first born among many brethren. (NKJV)

Effect #4. Responsive to follow Christ – Discipleship

- A disciple of Christ is responsible for consistently answering the call to follow Christ. Hebrews 3:15
- A disciple of Christ **responds** to the teachings of Christ by comparing their **beliefs, behavior, and ability** so they can bear the Imago Christi (image of Christ). Psalms 119:4-6
- A disciple of Christ simplifies their life to follow Christ. Luke 14:33
- A disciple of Christ who is **mature**, becomes a **witness** of Christ by **modeling** the life of Christ and can **repeat** the **process** of Christ to make another disciple(s). Acts 22:15, 28:27