

YOU NEED TO KNOW

BECOMING A DISCIPLE THROUGH THE DOCTRINES OF GOD

KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY YOU BELIEVE IT

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ALL ABOUT BEING BORN AGAIN – PART 2

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Introduction to the Doctrine of Regeneration

John 3:1-7

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 and said to him, "Most assuredly, 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, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water 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 blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "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. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

YOU NEED TO KNOW ALL ABOUT BEING BORN AGAIN

1.) What does it mean to be Born Again?

1a.) You need the new life from above

1b.) You receive that life from God

1c.) You live your new life for the things of God

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2.) Why do you have to be Born Again?

Let me first say that – to be Born Again or not, isn't an Option or a Selection to make like buying a car. – **It is a personal, intentional, and volitional decision.**

The simple and quick answer is obvious to all
who can be honest with themselves.

My life is laced with things that are not good.

Things like **thoughts**, Things like **actions**, and Things like **decisions**, Things that if we had the chance we would have them expunged from our records and erased from our memories.

The Things of Shame
It is those that the Bible calls Sins!

Romans 3:23

For all have **sinned** and **fall** (*being fallen, we continue to fall*) short of the glory of God,

Noah Webster Defines Sin as...

That which encompasses not only an action, but the neglect of a known duty owed to God, all evil thoughts, purposes, words, desires and intentions that are contrary to God's commands and or law.

Here's a simple **question** and **observation**;

Where do you feel most at home – most like you? Where you feel most at home – is where you belong!

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE BORN AGAIN?

2a.) Because you are separated from God

It doesn't take a spiritual Einstein

to recognize that the world today is suffering from "**Separation Anxiety**" as we see man doing things to man that are literally insane.

The World is Racing Toward Its Self-Demise,
but why is it so "Hell-Bent" on destruction?

Genesis 3:17-19, 23

Then to Adam God said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': 'Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. **18** Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. **19** In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return... **23** **therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden**

This had to be a sad and grievous moment for God.

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. **2** But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

You might say this morning – "I have a fundamental issue with God Himself.
If He knows everything and knew in advance that mankind would sin against Him and thus be banished from His presence - - why create man in the first place?"

1.) True Relationship (**personal worship**)

(Q) God didn't need us - so why create us?

(A) Because He is the first Personality; Because of (what) God is – He is worth experiencing. Dwelling with God can only be meaningful if you “want to be with God”.

2.) God is not robotic nor mechanized (**personal responsibility**)

(Q) Couldn't He just have written this story with a happy ending?

(A) The ending is based upon an individual response.

Jesus Christ came to Rescue Us,
but does that mean you too?

John 3:17-18

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **18** “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.

Why does sin separate us?

It is because God's nature is pure, perfect, and sinless.
(He doesn't hang out with us because He doesn't want to).

Why can't God just look the other way?

Because God's nature is just, good, and holy.
(He wouldn't be God if He was unjust).

I thought God loved everybody?

God does love everybody but His love doesn't excuse anyone from wrong.
(His love is not a human love. His love is the very core of His nature).

It's not a contradiction when the Bible says;

“For God so loved the world” while it also says that “God is angry with the wicked everyday.”

You have always been separated from God up to now!

John 3:18b

...but he who does not believe **IS** condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the *only* begotten Son of God.

So long as you are unbelieving – Condemnation Looms.

2 Peter 2:3b NLT

But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed.

Here's The Good News

John 12:27

“Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

Luke 19:10

for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

1 John 1:5

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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2b.) Because you are heading in the wrong direction

“Wrong Direction” - as in man is in a “lost” condition and doesn’t even recognize it.

By His Very Own Nature, Man Testifies Against Himself.

John 3:18-19

but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil, (dark and in the dark).

Mankind is not lost because he’s got the wrong map; he’s not lost because he took a wrong turn.

He’s lost because He wants his own way now!

Philippians 3:18-19

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame – who set their mind on earthly things.

Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call (re-appoint) evil for good, and good for evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;

So what is the right direction?

(It’s the well lit path)

1 John 1:7

(1) But if we WALK in the light as He is in the light, **(2)** we HAVE fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son **(3)** CLEANSSES us from all sin.

What does “walking in the light” mean?

(1) To Walk in the Light is to make every effort to “Look for the Light”, because that’s Where Jesus Is.

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; **2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. **3** He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

(2) To Walk in the Light is to make every effort to “Go to the Light”, because that’s Who Jesus Is.

John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

(3) To Walk in the Light is to make every effort to "Stay in the Light" because it's Why Jesus came.

Jude 1:17-21

But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: **18** how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. **19** These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit. **20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, **21** keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

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2c.) Because you cannot get there from here

We can actually, very easily, relate to this truth.

Can you drive to John Wayne or LAX today and get an Airline Ticket for Hawaii?

Sure you can but - buying a ticket doesn't get you on the flight. You have to have the proper identification to get on.

Colossians 2:13-14 NLT

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. **14** He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

It is impossible for you to find your way on your own.

John 3:3, 7

I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." **7** Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again."

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 NLT

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! **18** And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. **19** For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<

End of Study

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