

THE TRUE GOSPEL
100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN TO ENTER THE KINGDOM

Jhn 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the **KINGDOM OF GOD**.

Jhn 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jhn 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the **KINGDOM OF GOD**.

Jhn 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Jhn 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Jhn 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Jhn 3:9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

Jhn 3:10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

Jhn 3:11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

Jhn 3:12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you [of] heavenly things?

Jhn 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, [even] the Son of man which is in heaven.

Note: Many believe being 'born again' is a 'religious experience' at conversion. But here Jesus explains to Nicodemus in Jhn 3:6 that being 'born again' is a literal second birth. Just as we were born into the physical world with a body composed of flesh, in the second birth we will be born into the Kingdom of God with a body composed of spirit. Jhn 3:8 explains that when we are composed of spirit we will be invisible but powerful like the wind.

Jhn 3:3 tells us that we cannot see the Kingdom unless we are 'born again'. We also cannot enter the Kingdom as long as we are still composed of flesh and blood.

* 1Cor 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

When we repent and are baptized, we receive God's holy spirit. The holy spirit is called the 'earnest' or 'down payment' (Greek arrhabon) towards our eventually being completely composed of spirit.

* Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

* Eph 1:13 In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

In English we have different words for 'begotten' and 'born'. In Greek the word for both is 'gennao'. In this scripture the same word is translated into both 'begotten' and 'born'.

* 1Jo 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

The meaning is understood more by the context than by the word itself. When you are baptized, it is like you are 'begotten' as you receive a portion of the spirit of God. When you are 'born' of God into his Kingdom as a spirit being, you will be completely composed of spirit. As 'begotten' children of God, we can still sin. Once we are 'born' into his Kingdom, we can no longer sin.

Here it is explained that Christians have been 'begotten again'. Just as we were begotten once in a physical way with the hope of being physically born into the world, as Christians we are begotten again unto the lively hope of our resurrection from the dead.

* 1Pe 1:3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Like an infant that grows in the womb, after receiving the begetting of the holy spirit, our Christian life is now one of spiritual growth and development to become perfect and mature in holy and righteous character like our Lord Jesus.

* Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

* Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ:

* 1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

* 2Pe 3:18 But grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him [be] glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Then at the time of the last trumpet, at the return of Christ, we shall be 'born again', changed from flesh to immortal spirit.

* 1Cor 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Cor 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Cor 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality.

* Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

* 1Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
1Cor 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Our bodies will then look like Christ's body with the power to shine like the sun.

* 1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

* Rev 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks [one] like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Rev 1:14 His head and [his] hairs [were] white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes [were] as a flame of fire;

Rev 1:15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

* Mat 13:43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Jesus Christ was the first to be 'born again' from the dead and he will be followed by many brethren in the first resurrection.

* Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the 'firstborn' from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence.

* Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

In Jhn 3:9-12 Jesus said that Nicodemus should know these things being a master in Israel. But he knew that Nicodemus would not receive this witness. And he ended by saying in verse 13 that no man has ascended up to Heaven except the Son of man. This shows that perhaps even at that time they held the false doctrine of going to Heaven when you die. And this is why Nicodemus did not understand or believe the true doctrine of being 'born again' into the Kingdom of God by a resurrection from the dead at the return of Christ.