

"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?' 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. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, 'Ye must be born again.' 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." *John 3:4-8 KJV*



If you exist, you are, otherwise, you are not. No one questions his or her self-awareness. You cannot be “*born again*” if not already born. You cannot do something AGAIN unless you have done it at least once. The second birth is not a physical one, but one of the spirit. “You” are what makes your body alive and when “you” depart at death your body no longer lives. God is Life. “*In Him was Life and the Life was the light of men. God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a LIVING soul.*” What is the opposite of alive? Dead. We are physically born without God’s Life. His presence or the absence of it makes our spirit alive or dead. Nothing can ever change that fact. Parents predetermine shape, form, tendencies, color, etc. of their children. You can be adopted but never reborn physically. You may obey, revere, or even die for adopting parents, but it will not ever make you of them. You must be born to them to be of them. For the same reason, you must be “*born*” into God’s family. His Spirit must make alive your spirit by virtue of His presence. Two separate spirits form another unique individual, “*a new creature.*” Jesus compares the two; “*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Ye must be born again.*” The Spiritual birth is invisible, but known. “*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.*” Like the wind, faith is an invisible force, but its effect is no less visible. You know the wind is blowing even though it is unseen. “*Hereby we do KNOW that we KNOW Him, if we keep (obey) His commandments and His commandments are not grievous.*” However, obedience to God’s Word matters little to your destiny until you are “*born again.*” After you are “*born again,*” disobedience brings consequences. “*For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.*” A child does not cease to exist for disobedience. Believers forget, God will deal with the wicked later, but He deals with His own now. “*The righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.*” If you sin with little or no consequence, you do not belong to God! God’s commandments ARE His Blessings! Many think of material things as God’s blessings. They are not. They are His provision. Obedience brings us down the path of God’ provision. Faith is the unseen force that evidences itself in our lives. “*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation.*” Confession is telling the truth. “*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*” His name is, Jesus. You cannot call on someone you do not believe exists. It is not the words, ritual, or prayer, which save you. It is faith. “*Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.*” knows your heart and knows whether you truly obey out of faith or just ritual. Have you called?

Born again by God’s own breath,
Removes for aye the curse of death,
For eve’ry soul that humbly claims,
The matchless grace of Jesus’ name. ~CGP

Without action, faith is not. Once acted upon, the consequences will be eternal. Believe it or not!

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:37-40 KJV

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