

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17no2 KJV*



No matter how much a man tries to look and act like a cat he'll never achieve "cathood." While a newborn is unique among humans, it is not a NEW CREATURE. To be a NEW creature, it would have to be different from all previous species. Scientists rave about NEW species, while in reality they've simply discovered what's already there. Scientists genetically alter plants, but all their NEW plants are substandard replicas of the same species. They've yet to turn corn into apples, but interestingly, they can graft one plant into another and the new branch will take on some of the characteristics of the host plant. You rub shoulders with evil and you will act evil! A dog's bark doesn't make him a dog. He barks BECAUSE he's a dog. Men are sinners by birth and are sinners by nature. God must transform them into a NEW creature! *"As many as received Him, to them gave He POWER TO BECOME the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."* Men can live totally moral lives and never achieve righteousness outside of God's gift of faith. *"Now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested...even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe."* Believing God's Word by grace through faith transforms sinners into saints! The unbeliever may do good works and the believer may sin, but it doesn't change their nature. One cannot be "unborn." Even Nicodemus was confused by Jesus' statement, *"Verily, verily I say unto thee, 'Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'" He asked Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"* Christ's answer still confounds men today. *"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."* You can't put wind in a burlap bag, water in a wicker basket, nor can men command the Spirit of God. Those who think to make God their lackey by quoting Scripture, will learn to their dismay on Judgment Day how ignorant and foolish they were! If you think you can make God do anything by holding Him to His Word, you are forgetting God speaks and it is so! He speaks again and it is not! His Way or NO WAY! All who think many paths lead to heaven haven't read Christ's words; *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. NO MAN cometh unto the Father but by Me."* Building your own WAY to heaven rejects God's only Son whom angry sinners slew at Golgotha! If your son was killed to save men, would you accept any OTHER way? *"For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast. Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep (obey) His commandments."* Obedience is the child of faith

A breath of Holy Spirit fire,  
Creates a saint from sinful mire,  
Of faith their soul will never tire,  
And Truth will be their sole desire! ~CGP

Transformation is entirely dependent upon God's absolute Word. Want to see Heaven? Call upon Jesus, repent of your sins, trust, and obey His Word instead of your own whims and lusts. If there's no desire to obey God's Word explicitly there's been no transformation and there's NEW creature! No obedience, no heavenly Father!

*"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 KJV*