

Here's How to Be Born Again

Here's how to be born again but not according to some person, some church, or religious organization. It is according to the Bible, which is the word of God. Why the Bible? Because it is the Word of God and the **ONLY** authority, we have to go to for being born again {salvation}. The Bible we refer to is God's Word and it has been forever, settled in Heaven. "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." {Psalm 119:89} Now then, here is How to Be Born Again.

{1} Recognize and admit that you are a sinner and confess it to God. God already knows you are a sinner and you just own up to it. There are some people who say they are not sinners but that is not so; the Bible says we were born that way. {Romans 5:12} The Bible clearly tells us that we are all sinners and, as such, worthy of death. Just to name a few verses {Romans 3:10-18, 23; 6:23; 1:20-32}.

{2} It is one thing to recognize and admit that you are a sinner but **REPENTANCE** is required. What is repentance? It is a change of mind {heart} that leads to a change of action or how a person lives. It is literally taking God's side against your sin. It is not just going one way and realizing that it is the wrong way so you stop because you no longer want to go that way. You not only stop but you turn around and go the other direction. You had a change of mind {heart} and that is why you stopped and turned around; you no longer wanted to go that way.

{3} In your repentance you recognize that God loved you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross of Calvary as the full payment of your sin debt so that you could be forgiven and saved for all eternity. That is what John 3:16 is all about. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Before you were even born Jesus had paid your sin debt. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8} God did this for you because He loves you; He hates your sin but He loves you.

{4} It is the blood of Jesus Christ that redeems us from the slave market of sin and not works of any kind but the blood. {1 Peter 1:18-19} Jesus Christ is God the Son but He had to take the body of a man so that He could die for us. This is what the virgin birth of Jesus was all about as we read about it in Matthew 1:18-25. On the Cross of Calvary He suffered, bled, died and was buried, BUT three days later He bodily rose from that grave, was seen of many people and returned to Heaven. At this very moment, Jesus Christ is on the right hand of God the Father. {Hebrews 10:12}

{5} The last part on "How To Be Born Again" involves faith. Faith in believing what Jesus Christ has done for you on the Cross of Calvary. You take Him at His Word when you acknowledge you are a sinner, you repent, and then by faith you trust Him as your personal Saviour. God not only hears you but He also forgives and saves all who call on Him. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved." {Romans 10:13} You cannot earn forgiveness and salvation; it is **ALL** by faith alone. "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." {Ephesians 2:8-9} John 3:16 is one Bible verse for assurance of salvation but there are many more; however, these three are enough to prove that God does forgive and save the sinner. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." {1 John 5:11-13}

"How to Be Born Again" is just that easy and simple; however, you alone, must decide if you want God to forgive and save you. No one else can do it for you. Becoming saved is not a license to go and live in sin; as Christians, we have the responsibility to live our lives in such a way as to bring honor and glory to our Saviour. {1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 12:1-2}

Well friend, the rest is now up to you. What will you do with Jesus? Neutral you cannot be!

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