

Why Be Born Again?

Christians talk about the need for salvation, or perhaps a more familiar phrase, the need to be born again. Perhaps you have wondered about this. It could be that you thought to yourself something like this: "I am a good person, I do not steal, I do not lie, I live a clean life, I am honest, and I work hard; so why do I need to be born again?" Since God is the creator of all that exists, including the human race {Genesis 1:1, 26-27}, let's look at it from His point of view. Here are a few questions and then followed by answers, from His Word, the Bible.

Question: "Why do **you** need be born again?" **Answer** - God has said so, in His Word, the Bible. Jesus was talking to a religious man when He said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**" {Emphasis added} {John 3:7} The man Jesus was talking to was Nicodemus, a man of great wealth and much religious training. In our modern day terms, he would have earned a Doctor of Theology degree. Even with all of his religious training, he did not understand that he needed to be born again, a spiritual rebirth.

Question: "What is the purpose of being born again?" **Answer** - The main purpose for being born again is to become spiritually alive. All people are born spiritually dead because of the sin of Adam in the Garden of Eden. {Genesis 3:7; Romans 5:12, 14; Ephesians 2:1-3; Colossians 2:13 a} The **ONLY** way people can go to Heaven when they physically die is to be born again. "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." {John 3:3} Anyone who says there is another way to Heaven is calling Jesus Christ a liar. No one who calls Jesus Christ a liar will ever enter His Heaven! "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." {Revelation 21:8} See also I John 5:10.

Question: "What is the benefit of being born again?" **Answer** - There are many benefits to being born again and here are a few: **Eternal life:** "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." {John 3:15} **God's promise of Heaven:** Jesus Christ is speaking and He says, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also." {John 14:2-3} "We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." {II Corinthians 5:8}

Question: "Why does God want you to be born again?" **Answer** - God wants you to be born again because He loves you so much. "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." {John 3:16} "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8} See also II Peter 3:9.

Question: "How do you become born again?" **Answer** - Jesus Christ said, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." {Luke 13:3} We also read, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;" {Acts 3:19} First, repentance is an absolute requirement, because we are all born sinners. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." {I John 1:8, 10} Jesus Christ Himself said we are sinners, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." {Luke 13:3} Repentance is a change of mind that leads to a change of action. To put it another way, it means to take God's side against our sin. Second, when people repent of sin and put their trust in Jesus Christ, they are spiritually redeemed {born again} from the slave market of sin. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" {I Peter 1:18-19}

Question: "What is the result of being born again?" **Answer** - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." {John 5:24} See also Romans 5:9; 10:9, 13; Acts 2:21, 16:31; I Thessalonians 5:9.

Question: "What is the result of not being born again?" **Answer** - "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**" {emphasis added} {John 3:36} God already condemns people who do not repent, and believe on Jesus Christ. {See Luke 16:19-31 & John 3:18. The final and eternal destination for **ALL** people who have not been born again is the place God's Word describes as the lake of fire. {Revelation 21:8}

Friend, in a small pamphlet like this it is difficult to explain all there is about being born again or not being born again. I hope that the above information is enough to call your attention to this great need in your life. For those who do repent and trust Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, it is highly recommended that they locate a good, independent, fundamental Baptist church and faithfully attend the services. Daily pray and read God's Word for spiritual growth.

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