

1-A Questions: The New Birth

Questions: Take the test home, and use your bible, a concordance, lecture notes and lecture handouts to answer all the questions.

- To whom** was Jesus speaking when he made the statement in **John 3:1**, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again"? To Nicodemus directly, but also to anyone else throughout all time who reads or hears those words from Jesus.
* Was Jesus describing a **natural or a spiritual birth here?** A spiritual birth (birth of the spirit)
* **Is the Kingdom of God a visible or and invisible kingdom?** An invisible kingdom (Luke 17:20-21)
* **Is this a discrepancy?** NO! A spiritual kingdom can only be seen or discerned by spirit.
- The bible teaches that man is triune, just as is God.** What are the 3 parts of your being? **Give both the English & Greek names of each part:**

<u>English</u>	<u>Greek</u>
<u>spirit</u>	<u>pneuma</u>
<u>soul</u>	<u>psuche</u>
<u>body</u>	<u>soma</u>

* **Give a Bible reference** for the triune nature of man: 1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit (pneuma), soul (psuche), and body (soma) be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NKJ)
- Which part of your being is changed or "Born Again" at the New Birth?** My spirit (pneuma)
* **Give reference(s) from a Major Prophet in the Old Testament where a prophecy of the New Birth can be found:** Ezekiel 11:19-20 and Ezekiel 36:26-27
- Are you Born Again? If so, write below a brief account of your New Birth, including a description of the time, place and circumstances when you became a Christian Believer:** Answer for yourself
- The Bible teaches that we are Born Again from an 'incorruptible or imperishable seed'. What is that seed?** The living and abiding Word of God: 1 Peter 1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the WORD OF GOD which lives and abides forever. (NKJ)
- What OTHER scriptures teach that the Word of God or the Gospel is the means of salvation?** 1CO 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. (NKJ) ROM 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (NKJ)
* **What is the Greek word for 'gospel' and its meaning?** Euaggelion = 'good news' or 'glad tidings'
- Paul said:** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (NKJ)
* **Give the book, chapter & verse for this scripture:** Romans 1:16
- What part(s) of your being are NOT saved at the time of the New Birth?** My soul and my body
* Write out **1 Corinthians 1:30:** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— (NKJ)
- Sanctification** corresponds to the salvation of what part of your being? My soul
* **Redemption** corresponds to the salvation of what part of your being? My body
* **In what part of your being does the Holy Spirit dwell?** In my spirit
- What scripture reference(s) the Bible BEST describes **HOW to be Born Again?** Romans 10:9-10
* **Write down this (these) scripture verse(s):** ROM 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (NKJ)
- What are the **TWO things** that this scripture states that one must do **to be Born Again?** Confess with my mouth the Lordship of Christ, and believe with my heart that God raised Jesus from the dead
- T** **F** The New Birth saves one not only from the **PENALTY of sin**, but also from the **POWER of sin**, so the child of God can live a holy life. **Give scripture:** ROM 6:14; 1JO 5:3-5;
T **F** In the Gospels, Jesus is called the **ONLY** son born of the Father. In the epistles, He is the **FIRSTBORN** of many in the New Creation. **Scripture:** JOH 1:14, 18; 3:16-18; ROM 8:29; COL 1:15-18; HEB 12:22-24
T **F** The seed by which God gives life is His **WORD**. The soil into which it is sown are **MEN'S HEARTS** their spirits). **Give Scripture:** LUK 8:5-15; MAT 13:24-43;

13. **Fill in the Blanks:** For by _____ *grace* _____ you have been saved through _____ *faith* _____, and that not of yourselves; it is the _____ *gift* _____ of God, not of _____ *works* _____, lest anyone should boast. (NKJ)
 * **Give the scripture reference** for these verses: _____ *Ephesians 2:8-9* _____
 * Is this scripture **past tense, present tense or future tense?** _____ *Past tense* _____
14. There are **2 spiritual Kingdoms in this world**. Name them & give at least 2 references for each:
 1. _____ *Kingdom of God--MAT 6:32, 12:28, 19:24, MAR 1:14-15, 4:11, 26-29, JOH 3:3-8, etc.* _____
 2. _____ *Kingdom of Darkness (Satan)--MAT 12:25-28, ACT 26:17-18, COL 1:13, etc.* _____
15. What are the **THREE WAYS you enter either into a human family OR into the Family of God:**
 1. _____ *by birth—we are born of the Spirit* _____
 2. _____ *by marriage—we are betrothed in marriage to the Lamb* _____
 3. _____ *by adoption—we are adopted by the Father God* _____
16. Give scripture showing we are **BORN of the Spirit:** _____ *John 3:1-8; 1 Corinthians 2:11-16* _____
 Give scripture showing we are **BETROTHED to Christ Jesus:** _____ *ROM 7:4; 2CO 11:2; ISA 54:5; JER 3:14* _____
 Give scripture showing we are **ADOPTED by the Father:** _____ *ROM 8:15-17; GAL 4:4-7; EPH 1:3-6* _____
17. There are **3 kinds of men (people) in the Bible: (1) Natural Man, (2) Carnal Man, & (3) Spiritual Man**. Give a brief description & a scripture reference for each: _____ *Natural Man (Gk=psuchikos)—Unsaved man without the Spirit of God, 1CO 2:14; Carnal Man (Gk=Sarkikos)—saved but still dominated by flesh, the carnal Adamic nature; ROM 7:14-25; 1CO 3:1-4; Spiritual Man (Gk=Pneumatikos)—saved & matured, has crucified the flesh, led by his/her spirit by the Holy Spirit within; 1CO 2:15; 3:1; GAL 6:1; _____*
Which type are you? _____ *Answer for yourself* _____
18. Once one experiences spiritual birth into God's family, **what is the spiritual FOOD by which he or she grows spiritually?** _____ *Matthew 4:4 But He (Jesus) answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' 1 Peter 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, (NKJ) Also Hebrews 5:12-14* _____
19. **The GREAT QUESTION that every human being must answer is 'Who is Jesus to you?'** What was Peter's answer to that question? How did he know the answer to that question? _____ *MAT 16:15 He (Jesus) said to them, "But who do YOU say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (NKJ)* _____
20. **WHAT is the ROCK on which Jesus will build His church, against which the gates of hell shall NOT prevail?** _____ *The revelation from the Father that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.* _____
 * Give a scripture proving that **this revelation is THE test of being born again:** _____ *1 John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. (NKJ)* _____
21. **Write out 1 John 5:3-5:** _____ *3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is BORN OF GOD overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (NKJ)* _____
22. **How are YOU to overcome the world & keep God's commandments?** _____ *By continuing faith & confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and by following and imitation all that He said and did in the Word.* _____
23. **T F** Anyone born of the First Adam has the nature and likeness of the First Adam. But anyone born of the Last Adam has the nature and likeness of the Last Adam – and is a **NEW CREATION**.
 * **Give scripture for this statement:** _____ *2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (NKJ)* _____
24. **Give scripture proof that anyone born of God already HAS eternal life:** _____ *1 John 5:11 And this is the testimony: that God HAS GIVEN us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you HAVE eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. (NKJ)* _____
25. **Summarize in your own words some of the more important points you learned in this lesson:** _____
 _____ *Answer for yourself* _____

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