

1-A The New Birth

This booklet is directed both towards those desiring to establish a relationship with God, as well as those desiring to better understand and to further develop their relationship with God. Every human being was created by God with an inherent desire to know and relate to their Creator in every day life. The Bible – the Word of God – was given by God as the primary means by which that knowledge and relationship can be found.

The Bible **IS** the inspired Word of God. However, not every interpretation of the Bible is of God. There are many opinions as to what the Bible says. For most people, what they believe about the Bible comes not from reading the Bible text for themselves, but from what others have told them the Bible says or teaches. In this teaching series, we will endeavor to give you specific Bible verses that relate to each topic. Although we will generally give one or two scriptures to illustrate each concept, many others can be found in scripture. You may wish to search deeper into the Bible, using a concordance, cross references, or other research tools. **Let the Bible speak for itself to you.** All scripture quotes herein are from the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted. Emphasis to certain words or phrases in the scripture texts is frequently done with bold, underlined or italics text.

One of the important concepts revealed in the Bible is that **God is a Spirit being.** Since God created man in His own image, then **man also is a spirit being.** This can be seen in the following scriptures:

- **JOHN 4:24** **God is Spirit,** and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.
- **JOB 32:8** But **there is a spirit in man,** And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.

God further reveals Himself in **three ways** to mankind – a concept commonly known as the ‘**Trinity**’. God is triune, or three—in—one. These revelations to mankind are as the **Father God,** the **Son of God** (Jesus Christ), and as the **Spirit of God** (the Holy Spirit). This may be a difficult concept to understand, but is true nonetheless. So, if God is Triune, or three—in—one, and if He created mankind in His image, then we would expect mankind to also be triune.

- **MATTHEW 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing them in the name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT,** 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.
- **1 THESSALONIANS 5:23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Just as God is Triune, so also are you triune. God is a Spirit Being. You are a spirit being. In fact, we could say that you are a **spirit,** you have a **soul,** and you live in a **body.** The Greek word for spirit is ‘**pneuma**’, which is also translated ‘breath, wind, air’. We can see this same idea of the trinity of man in the creation story about Adam:

- **GENESIS 2:7** And the LORD God formed man of **the dust of the ground** (*Adam’s body*), and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life** (*Adam’s spirit*); and man became **a living soul** (*Adam’s soul*). (KJV)

So, we have established some important points from the Bible so far. Man is a spirit being who has a soul, and lives in a physical body. We are triune, just as the God who created us is Triune. God is a Spirit Being, but He manifests Himself to mankind as the Father God, the Son of God and the Spirit of God. Mankind was first created in perfect fellowship with the creator God. However

GALATIANS 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

1. One enters into a family by one of three ways: birth, marriage or adoption.
2. The great religions of the world can basically be divided into one of two groups. One group teaches salvation by good works. The other teaches salvation by grace alone, apart from any work or effort by man.
3. There are many opinions about the true path to God. The Bible is God’s statement of the true way.
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JOH 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees named **Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.** 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” 3 **Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”** 4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.** 6 **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** 7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, **‘You must be born again.’** 8 “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is **born of the Spirit.**” 9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 “Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 14 “And **as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,** 15 “that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.** 16 **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

1. **EZE 36:24** "For **I will take you out of the nations;** I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; **I will cleanse you from all your impurities** and from all your idols. 26 **I will give you A NEW HEART and put A NEW SPIRIT in you;** I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And **I will put MY SPIRIT IN YOU and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.** 28 You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and **I will be your God.**
2. **MAT 16:15** He 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.**
3. **MAR 7:21** “For **from within, out of THE HEART of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,** 22 “thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 **“All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”**
4. **LUK 8:11** "This is the meaning of the parable: **The seed is the word of God.** 12 Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then **the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts,** so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. 14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. 15 But **the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.**
5. **JOH 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 **who were BORN, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**
6. **JOH 6:63** **“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The WORDS that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.**
7. **JOH 10:10** **The thief** cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**
8. **JOH 14:6** Jesus answered, **“I am the way and the truth and the life. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT BY ME.**
9. **ACT 4:12** **Salvation is found in no one else, for there is NO OTHER NAME under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”**
10. **ACT 16:30** He (the jailer) then brought them (Paul and Silas) out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, **“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household.”** 32 Then **they spoke THE WORD OF THE LORD to him and to all the others in his house.**
11. **ROM 1:16** I am not ashamed of **the gospel,** because it **is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes:** first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.
12. **ROM 2:28** A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. 29 No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and **circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit,** not by the written code. Such a man’s praise is not from men, but from God.
13. **ROM 10:8** But what does it say? **“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”** (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 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. 13 For **“whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**

14. **ROM 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.
15. **1CO 1:18** For the message of the cross is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.
16. **1CO 2:14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
17. **1CO 3:16** Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?
18. **1CO 15:1** Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.
19. **2CO 4:3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
20. **2CO 4:16** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.
21. **2CO 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
22. **EPH 2:8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.
23. **COL 1:12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the FIRSTBORN over all creation.
24. **1TH 5:23** May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
25. **1TI 2:3** This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.
26. **TIT 3:4** But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He SAVED US through the washing of REBIRTH and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
27. **1PE 1:23** For you have been BORN AGAIN, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.
28. **1PE 2:2** Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.
29. **1PE 3:3** Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. 4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.
30. **1JO 2:28** And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is BORN OF HIM.
31. **1JO 3:8** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whoever has been BORN OF GOD does not (continue in) sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot (continue in) sin, because he has been born of God.
32. **1JO 4:7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.
33. **1JO 5:1** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is BORN OF GOD, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone BORN OF GOD overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.
34. **1JO 5:11** And this is the testimony: 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 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you HAVE eternal life.
35. **1JO 5:18** We know that whoever is BORN OF GOD does not sin; but he who has been BORN OF GOD keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.