

## **Born Again**

### **John 3:1-7**

This passage must be understood if we are to believe and obey God

Nicodemus did not understand this statement **John 3:4**

#### **Definitions**

Except - *on any other condition than that; unless; qualification follows*

Born - *brought forth by or as if by birth; New beginning (Spiritual)*

Again - *another time; once more; anew*

ASV/RSV: Anew - *in a new manner or way (Clearer description)*

Cannot - *can not Unable to; No right to, no permission to*

See - *to perceive by the eye; to perceive or detect as if by sight; to have experience of; to come to know*

Enter into - *to go or come in; to come or gain admission into a group -- often used with into; to begin to consider a subject -- usually used with into or upon; to go upon land for the purpose of taking possession; to play a part: be a factor*

Kingdom - *a politically organized community or major territorial unit having a monarchical form of government headed by a king or queen; often capitalized - the eternal kingship of God; the realm in which God's will is fulfilled; a realm or region in which something is dominant; an area or sphere in which one holds a preeminent position*

Of - *relating to; in respect to; indicates belonging or a possessive relationship*

#### **Restatement Of Verses Using Definitions**

*Unless a man is brought forth in a new manner, he has no right to experience the realm that belongs to God. **John 3:3** DLH*

*Unless a man is brought into existence by the way of water and the Spirit he is unable to gain admission to the realm which belongs to God **John 3:5** DLH*

#### **What Do The Scriptures Say About Entering In**

Born again **John 3:5**

By God's Word - **1Peter 1:3, 23**

Born of God - **1John 5:1,4,18**

By the water **John 3:5**

Water Baptism - **Romans 6:3-4**

Washing of regeneration and renewing - **Titus 3:4-7**

By the Spirit **John 3:5** (a change of mind or intent)

Put of old man, put on new - **Colossians 3:9-10**

A new creature - **2Corinthians 5:5,17**

Purified souls in obeying truth - **1Peter 1:22**

#### **How Am I Born Again So I May Enter Kingdom**

First birth is a change of state

From development in the womb

To participating in life's challenges

All aspects of life change when we are born into world

Must nourish and care for body

Must read and learn to fill our minds

Studies show children must have reading, music and good challenges in order to grow properly

Born anew by change of purpose in life

Change from serving self and world to serving God

Have a will to participate in God's kingdom

All aspects of spiritual life change

Brought about by obedience to God's word

Includes Repentance, Confession, Baptism - **Romans 6:3-8**

Dedicating self to God's service - **Romans 6:16-23**

Will necessitate a change of habits, thoughts, goals - **Romans 6:12-14**

Must nourish spiritual body

Read and study to fill our minds with God's word

Desire the sincere milk of the word - **1Peter 2:2-3**

Give diligence - **2Timothy 2:15; 1Timothy 4:13-16**

Continual process of growing - **Hebrews 5:12-14; 2Peter 3:18**

### **Have You Been Born Again?**

It is required for admission to God's kingdom **John 3:3-7**

God's plan for rebirth is laid out in his word

Hear - **Romans 10:14-17**

Believe - **Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16**

Repent - **Acts 17:30**

Confess - **Romans 10:9-10**

Be Baptized - **Acts 2:38; 1Peter 3:21**

After this we must continue to serve

Faithful unto death **Revelation 2:10**

Latter end worse than beginning **2Peter 2:20-22**

God's plan for returning

Repent and Pray **Acts 8:18-22**

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