

# The New Birth

Confusion don't seem to be a stranger when discussing the New Birth.

In John 3:1-5 Nicodemus came to Jesus and wanted to know how to obtain eternal life. Jesus told him he must be born again or he could not see the kingdom of God. When Nicodemus did not understand what Jesus was telling him, Jesus made it simpler to him, [5] "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

This same teaching that Jesus taught Nicodemus holds true today, that is, if we want to get into the True Church, the one we read about in God's word.

In Galatians 3:26-28 Paul writing to the church in Galatia instructs them like this: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. [27] For as many of you have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. [28] There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

It is wonderful to understand that the New Birth is for all, we all must come to the Lord the exact same way bond or free, male or female, we all come to Christ the same exact same way.

The apostle Paul explains the New Birth to the saints at Corinth. II Corinthians 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."

The scriptures tells us that we can come to Jesus whenever we decide and our trespasses (the old man's sins) and mistakes are passed away and we become a new man (a fresh and new start) serving God from our New Birth forward according to His divine instructions. Now we cannot go back and make right our past sinful life, the blood of Jesus takes care of past life.

We understand that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. Like sheep we have all gone astray. There is none righteous, no not one.

Once we become a child of God and if we go astray, we can come back to the family just as the one son did in Jesus' teaching in Luke 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Let us put our past sinful lives behind us and walk in the light as He is in the light and we have fellowship one with another and the blood of God's dear Son will cleanse us from all sins (I John 1:7).

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