

Rejoice in what God's Spirit has done by birthing you anew into God's family forever

1. Jesus welcomes _____ with grace and truth

John 3:1-3

Predominant religious thought in Jesus' day affirmed that all Jews would be admitted to that kingdom apart from those guilty of deliberate apostasy or extraordinary wickedness. But here was Jesus telling Nicodemus, a respected and conscientious member not only of Israel but of the Sanhedrin, that he cannot enter the kingdom unless he is born again.

D.A. Carson, The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Gospel According to John

"again" – **from above, again**, from the beginning ("take it from _____")

"by the term born again He means not the amendment of a part but the renewal of the whole nature. Hence it follows that there is nothing in us that is not defective"

John Calvin, Institutes 1. 63

2. Being "born again" is an act of God's Spirit making you _____ and making you _____

John 3:4-8

Ezekiel 36:25-27

Isaiah 44:3-5

Spiritual Birth - John 1:12-13

Romans 8:14-17

Titus 3:5-7

The point is that the wind can be neither controlled nor understood by human beings . . . But that does not mean we cannot detect the wind's effects. We hear its sound, watch the swaying grasses, see the clouds scudding by, hide in fear before the worst wind storms. So it is with the Spirit. We can neither control him nor understand him. But that does not mean we cannot witness his effects. Where the Spirit works, the effects are undeniable and unmistakable.

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3. To those reborn, the Spirit provides a new _____ of spiritual realities

John 3:9-13

Daniel 7:13-14

John 7:48-51

John 19:38-39

The people in your world don't need to become better; they need to be _____
by the Gospel and by the rebirthing of God's Spirit

Now What? Rejoice in what God's Spirit has done by birthing you anew into God's family forever