

John 3:5-8 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water <u>and</u> of the Spirit, he cannot enter into <u>the kingdom of God</u>. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (8) The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

The heart of this Scripture is the new birth, or "Being Born Again" - "Ye must be born again". The only way to be a part of the — "The Kingdom Of God" — Is that we be born again! The whole discussion between Jesus and Nicodemus, was centered around the 2nd or "Spiritual Birth". Everyone that has been born in this Earth, has been born through the natural birth. When we are born, it is a birth that we can see, we can touch and even feel, though, it is often one of pain — but never the less, it <u>is a birth of flesh and blood</u>. The doctor or nurse often holds up the little baby, and does what? They smack the baby's bottom, or <u>flesh</u>, to cause the little one to take its first breath on its own. That baby has just been born of the flesh. Now, almost everyone is familiar with the natural birth. <u>The problem comes when we try to understand the</u> "Spiritual Birth" through our natural understanding.

John 3:9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

Nicodemus was trying to understand something that he had only see in his flesh.

John 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Now, Jesus was trying to tell a very religious man about something spiritual. Religious people often have a hard time with spiritual things, because they want to comprehend the spiritual with a natural eye and mind, with things that they already have seen in the natural. Spiritual things very rarely can be seen with the natural eye. Jesus told Nicodemus that the spiritual birth was like watching the wind blow, we can see the spiritual birth by the way God's Spirit affects something.

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Do you know that religious people are sometimes frightened when they have to confront spiritual things, — things that they cannot control or understand.

John 3:10-13 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? (11) Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. (12) If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things? (13) And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

If you tell a natural man or woman that they could do something to earn Heaven, they would try to do what it takes (like keep the Law), but when you tell them that to be born again is out of their control, then that becomes something that they cannot understand and frightens them. But the **New Birth**, **Being Born Again**, or **Being Saved**, is strictly a thing accomplished by God's Holy Spirit, based upon our repentance or our sin and faith (trust) in what Jesus has done by His shedding of His Blood at Mount. Calvary.

John 3:20-21 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. (21) But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

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1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink (partake) into one Spirit.