

Born Again

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Text: John 3:7; 2Cor 5:17; Rom 6:3-4

Thesis: Define “Born Again”

Introduction:

A) This term is another often misunderstood term.

- 1) Being “born again” to some takes place immediately after they say a prayer requesting that Jesus come into their hearts.
- 2) While others believe it takes place when they receive what they say is the Holy Spirit.
- 3) While both of these beliefs are commonly taught they are both far from what the Bible defines as “Born Again”.

B) In today’s sermon we will notice that there is a definite meaning placed upon this phrase by the Bible.

- 1) New Beginning
- 2) New Building
- 3) New Body

Discussion:

I) New Beginning – (John 3:3-7; 1Pet 1:23, 2:1-2)

A) Explain

- 1) gennaō (ghen-nah'-o); from a variation of NT:1085; to procreate (properly, of the father, but by extension of the mother); figuratively, **to regenerate:** KJV - bear, beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered of, gender, make, spring.
- 2) anothen (an'-o-then); from NT:507; from above; by analogy, from the first; by implication, anew: KJV - from above, again, from the beginning (very first), the top.
- 3) hudor (hoo'-dore); genitive case, hudatos (hoo'-dat-os), etc.; from the base of NT:5205; water (as if rainy) literally or figuratively: KJV - water.
- 4) Born of Water & the Spirit = Baptism

B) Illustrate

- 1) Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
- 2) Coincides with John 3:5

C) Apply

- 1) Here Christ tells Nichodemus of a second chance.
- 2) We too have a second chance to be saved.
- 3) But we must be “born again” “through washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost”

II) New Building – (2Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15)

A) Explain

- 1) ktisis (ktis'-is); from NT:2936; original formation (properly, the act; by implication, the thing, literally or figuratively): KJV - building, creation, creature, ordinance.
- 2) All are one in Christ.
- 3) A new building/creation/creature = built buy God through our obedience.

B) Illustrate

- 1) Racism might not be as big of a problem but it still is a problem
- 2) A larger problem I believe is that of classes.
 - a) sometimes we don't associate with those who are of lower classes than us.
 - b) And maybe that causes us to avoid them.

C) Apply

- 1) Who have you avoided sharing the Gospel with?
- 2) Galatians 3:26-28 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 3) All have the right to hear the Gospel and its our duty to share it with others.

III) New Body – (Romans 6:3-4)

A) Explain

- 1) kainotes (kahee-not'-ace); from NT:2537; renewal (figuratively): KJV - newness.
- 2) Putting off of the old man.
- 3) Before being born again we are dead in sin.
- 4) Through Christ we can be made alive.

B) Illustrate

- 1) You've just finished rolling around in the mud outside and you're covered in mud.
- 2) But with a change of clothes and a shower you feel like a new person.
- 3) In Baptism we are born again – wash away the old life of sin with the blood of Christ.

C) Apply

- 1) Being given a new life is a great privilege.
 - a) Have you been living your life as though it is a privilege?
 - b) Or have you been taking it for granted?
- 2) Maybe you haven't put off the old man of sin yet.
 - a) You can do so just as they did in the Bible.
 - b) You can too be immersed in water to be born again a new creature, a new creation, to walk in newness of life.

Conclusion:

A) Why not have/be

- 1) A new beginning?
- 2) A new building?
- 3) A new body?

B) Will you be Born Again today?