

What Is the New Birth?

How to Get Saved, Stay Saved and Live Saved

If you have prayed to be saved, you will definitely want to find out what just happened to you. Maybe you feel like you are floating on air. That's great but be sure to come back down to earth eventually and load up on some deeper understandings.

Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3 ESV

Let Godly Curiosity Awaken!

If you just prayed the prayers for [how to get saved?](#), you may be wondering, "What just happened to me?" That's a great question and it would take [a lot more words](#) on my part and will take a lot of living on your part to do justice to it. No need to wonder, "How can I be born again?" That's already happened! Like a young child you will be experiencing a true awaking of curiosity, especially in terms of the divine things which extend endlessly into the vast Mystery of God.

You are now a learner for life! Your best teachers for this are the Word (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit. All a primer like this can do is give you pointers. For instance, you have probably heard that being saved means being born again. But what does that mean?



Major Elements of the New Birth

The Lord has packed a lot into His answer to our prayer for salvation. You have been spiritually reborn—raised to new life by faith in Jesus Christ and by the gift of the Holy Spirit. It would be very easy to miss most of it and only go with the few things you may have felt or been shown. Here are some of the main items that may have escaped your notice:

1) You Were Spiritually Dead

Did you even know that? I sure didn't! In the moment of conversion God brought your spirit to life by putting His Spirit within you and reconnecting you with Himself.

2) You Have Been Sealed to God

Your spirit was joined to the Holy Spirit who came to live within you as a "guarantee" of good things to come.



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3) You Received a Heart Transplant

The heart you had was self-centered, deceitful and corrupt in God's eyes, so He also placed a new heart within you. This heart is entirely good, just like that of Jesus.

4) You Were Dead in Your Sins

That's how deep the separation from God had become. Through your faith in Christ, God was fully able to cover your sins and cleanse you with the Blood that Jesus shed on your behalf.

5) You Have Been "Justified"

God not only forgave you your sins, He also separated you from them. This is called justification. Because of your faith in Jesus, you have been given a standing or status with God that you don't deserve and could never earn. He has chosen to treat you with high favor, just as if you were a sinless child in His eyes. You may indeed have sin in you, but you are not your sins!

6) You Have Been Liberated

You were under the oppression of an invisible kingdom. You may have thought you were simply living on earth, but you were also held in bondage spiritually under the power and control of an invisible enemy operating in another realm contiguous with earth. In the moment of conversion, you were translated out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of God's beloved Son.

7) You Were Blind

There was a veil over your heart that obstructed your mind and kept you from "seeing" the resurrected Lord of all creation, Jesus Christ. That veil has been removed, allowing you to see Christ with eyes of faith. The eye of your heart has been enlightened and your lost spiritual sight has been restored.

8) The Image of God Has Been Restored to You

You had been created to both carry and reflect God's Image, but you had lost the vision. Now that His True Image has been restored to you as you behold God in the face of Jesus Christ, you are able to carry His Image in your heart and more truly reflect His Image by your life. This is what transforms you.

9) You Have Been "Reborn" As a New Creation

All things have passed away; many new things have come. You will still have plenty of your old ways, thoughts and feelings left to deal with—these haven't been eliminated—but you have been given a new power to overcome them.



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10) You Are Now a Child of God in the Family of God

You were isolated from the family of faith, but now you have been adopted, "brought near" and made a member of Christ's Body on earth and in heaven.

11) Get Your Space Suit on for This One

You have been raised and are now seated with Christ in heavenly places. Clearly this is spiritual, not physical, however that doesn't mean it is any less real. A part of you is seated with Christ, sharing in His authority.

12) You Are "in Christ" and He Is in You

Your new life will only work properly as you trust yourself entirely to His love and leadership. As you trust and obey, He leads you into the life you both desire.

Believe it or not, there's more: The gifts of God are too numerous to enumerate, which makes searching things out in His Word an adventure. Walking with God is like a treasure hunt with the clues scattered all over scripture.

Our "new birth" is really quite a marvel! There are two fascinating perspectives you will want to "see" before heading on to the next big question. Take a quick look at "[How was I born again?](#)" Then go on to explore just [how God saves us](#).

Prayer

Father, thank You! I had no idea that You would be doing so much for me! Help me to grow in knowing how great Your salvation truly is. Help me stay grateful for all that You are doing to save me for heaven and to bring heaven's way of life into my life now.

On to the Next Question!

How was I born again? First, there is the question "What just happened to me?" That's quite a long list! Then, comes trying to figure out how it happened. With this we're poking our heads into a mystery, but Jesus dropped some "bread crumbs" to inspire our thinking.

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