

How do we get the new birth?

- We can **believe** in Christ.
- Believing is **receiving** Christ which is being **born again**
- Rebirth is **God's** work in us

We cannot put the Holy Spirit in a **box**.

- The new birth given in **baptism**
- Turning to Christ **later in life**
- Life is going great but no **meaning**
- Out of a life of comfort and apathy there is a **cause** worth living for.
- After years of searching for the **truth**
- Comes as a **complete accident**

The Way we are called to believe

1. It comes as an **invitation** or **promise**
2. It comes as a **commandment**
3. It comes in the form of a **protest**

Small Group Discussion Guide:

1. Have fun thinking of how meanings of words have changed over the years.
2. What thoughts and feelings come to mind when you hear the phrase “born again”?
3. How important would you say the new birth is for the Christian's life?
4. Discuss what being “born again” means and what it does not mean. Read John 3:1-15 and John 1:12-13.
5. If one cannot see the Kingdom of God without being born again, how does one get the new birth?

6. How is the work of the Holy Spirit in the new birth like the wind?

7. Discuss different ways the Holy Spirit works in bringing people to Christ.

8. What is the significance of the different WAYS the call to believe is presented to us in the Bible? (i.e. as invitation or promise, commandment, and protest)

Daily Reading Plan:

This Reading Plan is an aide to help focus on “The Life of Christ” message series. Each week’s reading’s are preparatory for the upcoming message.

Monday - John 4; John 5

Tuesday - John 6; John 7

Wednesday - Mark 7; Mark 8

Thursday - Matthew 10

Friday - Matthew 12; Matthew 13

Weekend - Luke 10; Luke 11



Redeeming Notes

Pastor Dave Glesne.....What Do You Mean -
'Born Again?'
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John 3:3

“In reply Jesus declared, ‘I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.’” John 3:3

Nicodemus is a **ruler of the Jews**.

“Born again” is a very **basic** and **elementary** teaching in Jesus’ ministry.

- a **change** at the very start of the Christian life
- In the Greek it is **born from above**

Being born again is not a **change from within**.

- It is not of **blood**
- It is not by the will of the **flesh** or the will of **man**
“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision, or a husband’s will, but born of God.” John 1:12-13

The new birth is a **gift** from God.

- It is something from **God**
- It is the **power** to become children of God.
- It is entirely God’s **initiative**