\*\* (Note: All Bible Quotes Are Taken From The Original King James Version)

## Subject: The New Birth Is A Spiritual Birth:

There is no other way to come to God except by means of the new birth. The new birth is a spiritual birth. Spiritual things pertain to right and wrong, good and evil, carnal or holy. You have a spiritual life and a physical life. If you have not been born again you have an evil, unholy, carnal or unrighteous life. This is not your fault; you inherited this from Adam. It only becomes your fault when you choose to remain in the carnal state. It is simply because we are not responsible for being born the first time in the carnal, unholy, or sinful nature that God sent Jesus to give us a choice of remaining in the sinful nature or to be saved.

When you get saved you are born again by the word of God, which will be implanted in your carnal nature by the Spirit of God. You will then become partaker of the nature of God. This makes you eligible to be a child of God. Children inherit the nature of their parents. When their parents produced them from a sinful nature, they come forth in life to be sinners. Therefore, when you are born again of the Spirit and word of God, you receive the nature of God that will replace the sinful nature that you inherited from your parents.

## **Subject: The New Person:**

To be born is to be conceived. When you are born of God, you would have experienced a spiritual conception. Though your physical appearance would be the same, a new person would have been born that will live in your same physical body. You would have experienced the birth of a new inner man or woman. A new human being would have come forth in you with the nature of holiness. This new inner man would be totally different in character from the old inner man (Ephesians 3:16).

This new person is not somebody you could create by your own means; such a person is a gift from God. God would have given you a replacement for the old inner man that desired to practice sin. The new person would be original who would teach you a new way of life. There would be no controversy between the new person and the old person because the old person would be dead. The new person would be Christ in you who killed the old person upon His entry into your physical make up.

The old person was crucified with Christ. When Christ was crucified on Calvary, He was given power to destroy the inner man of everybody who would receive Him. Listen to Galatians 2:20:

Verse 20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

## Subject: The Holy Birth Will Be A Serious Conversion:

When you have received a holy birth from God, it will be serious business because you will be compelled by the power of God to change your entire life's operations. Sometimes you will change the way you do business necessitating a change of employment. You will also change your social company. Inclusive in your new life you will most likely change where you previously worshiped.

If there are no serious changes in the social and spiritual aspects of your life, it could be that you would have experienced a false conversion, or an emotional experience, but not the new birth from God. Now emotional experiences in religion could be the result of some song you heard or a sermon that was preached. Don't let such things fool you.

You must look for a conversion in your life that has caused you to lose your complete appetite and desires for your old way of living. Everything that you learn is a sin should be inclusive in the things that you no longer desire. Your new desires should be a zeal to be a righteous person, and such desires should be progressive as you learn more about your conversion. At no time should you experience a retrograde desire to go back to a life of sin.

## Subject: A Spiritual Adoption:

You can't have a relationship with God unless you are holy. This is why God gives you a holy birth with His Holy Spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it will make you a holy person. Now, many of your natural ways were the result of you inheriting such ways from your parents. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will be regenerated to a higher level of living holy that will not be in line with your previous ways of living that you inherited from your parents.

To be born again means that you would have experienced a spiritual adoption into the family of God. Such an adoption would be with power that is greater than the ways of living that you inherited from your parents. Listen to Romans 8:15-16:

- Verse 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- Verse 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.