

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

Subject: You Are Born Again By Hearing And Believing The Word Of God:

By hearing and believing the word of God you are born again receiving the Spirit of God. The word of God initiates the process of the new-birth in Christ, and when it is received, the Holy Spirit completes the process.

The angel Gabriel brought the word to Mary and when she received the word of God by believing the message, the Holy Ghost gave Mary the birth of the child Jesus in her womb. Listen to how it happened in St. Luke 1:31 and 34-35:

Verse 31 - And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Verse 34 - Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

Verse 35 - And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

The Spirit of God comes into the lives of those who receive the word of God to give them the new-birth, just as it conceived Jesus in the womb of Mary when she received the word of God. Gabriel brought a message from God to Mary telling her how God was going to bless her because she had lived a holy, virtuous life before God. God does not over-look a person who lives a holy and virtuous life before Him. Such people will find favor with God and receive blessings from God. Mary received the message from Gabriel and everything happened just like Gabriel said it would happen. Listen to St. Luke 1:38:

Verse 38 - And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Subject: God Saves Us Based Upon Our Respect For Christ:

You have to be taught the way of righteousness by the Holy Ghost, or a Holy Ghost filled teacher. If you are not taught the way of righteousness by the Holy Ghost, you will never know the way of righteousness. If the Holy Ghost is not leading your pastor to preach the way of righteousness, you will not be born again, because you can only be born again of the word of God which must be presented by the Holy Ghost.

You don't get the new-birth by praying, singing, and shouting in a church. You are born again by hearing and obeying the word of God presented by the Holy Ghost through Christ. You won't get saved by God, because you have a lot of problems and sad conditions of life. You must repent and believe the gospel to be saved. God is a just God and is only moved by your willingness to obey the word of God. When you take on this way of thinking, the Holy Ghost will find you and lead you to the true Holy Ghost filled minister of the gospel.

The quality of mercy that God extends in Christ will be extended to you, and Christ will be your mediator between you and God. Christ was sent to the earth to live in a human body for the purpose of dwelling among men to suffer in the flesh that He might be truly qualified from this standpoint to intercede to God for us.

When Christ became victorious over the flesh as our mediator, God assured Him that whatever we asked in His name God would grant for Jesus' sake. When we attempt to approach the throne of grace, God looks at our respect and attitude towards Christ that will cause Him to save us because of our respect to Christ.

Subject: The Conversion And Baptism Of The Unsaved:

When an unsaved person hears the gospel, the unsaved must fall under conviction. Such a conviction must cause the unsaved person to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that through Jesus' death, redemption from all sin is accomplished. The unsaved can then be saved by grace, and be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Now baptizing in water does not bring about any miraculous, or practical change in the new convert. It is simply an outward, visible demonstration so that others can be revealed the inward baptism of the Holy Spirit that they could not see. Baptizing in water represents that the old nature of sin has died in the new convert, and has been buried, never to rise again to be a part of the life of the new

creature in Christ. Christ is being represented when the convert rises out of the water after being submerged under the water. The Holy Spirit has done, or will do the actual conversion of the new convert's nature to give the new convert the new-birth in Christ.

Subject: Your Conversion:

After that you have experienced a conversion in Christ to make an adjustment to live a life of righteousness, God will allow you to go through experiences to help you to learn the will and the ways of God. Such an adjustment process will be assisted and directed by the Holy Spirit. These experiences will not cause adversities that you encounter to be a terror to you, but edification and spiritual maturity.

There will be other people in your walk of life, such as friends and relatives that have not received Jesus Christ that will not be able to receive what God is giving you. On many occasions, such associates and relatives will not be able to religiously relate to, nor accept the new life that you have received. Those who were affiliated with you, and are not saved will remain in their carnal state of mind, not being able to understand your conversion to a spiritual state of mind.

The carnal and the spiritual have no connection, nor line of communication that will enable the carnal to understand, or accept the works of the Holy Spirit in the life of one who has truly been born again.

Subject: The Born Again Person:

The born again people are consecrated, dedicated, and committed to the service of God. They are sanctified or separated unto the gospel of Jesus Christ. Such people will have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, nor the world of sin. Saved people are regenerated from their prior generation of sin. They are spiritually upgraded to a level of holiness that the unsaved would be very uncomfortable worshiping with.

An unrighteous person would not have a desire to worship in the congregation of born again believers. It will be very uncomfortable for those who are not truly born again to dwell in the congregation of the righteous. A born again

person is born of God to be a child of God. This means that God lives in such people.

A sinner will not be able to stay in the presence of God. They would spend very little time around those who are born again and will have excuses for not being a part of their worship services. When Adam and Eve sinned, they avoided the company of God. Prior to their sins, they had fellowship with God on a regular basis. Listen to Genesis 3:8:

Verse 8 - And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

Everything that is preached and taught in the congregation of the righteous is against the secret sins of the unrighteous. Every testimony, every song, and prayers are against the life of a sinner. The life and worship services of the born again saint are conducted strictly by the Holy Spirit, which is an anti-sin Spirit. The Holy Spirit not only conducts the worship services of the saints, but it is the administrator of their entire lives.

The Holy Spirit will not dwell in the worship services of the saints if it is not the controlling force of their private lives. The born again saints are The Church of God, and they are members of the body of Christ. This church is God's holy temple and sin does not abide therein. This is a place of worship for the born again believers who live holy. Those who would desire to be saved must desire to acquire knowledge from the word of God to be a saint. Sinners are welcome to come to the assembly of the saints if they desire to be saved from sin.

The saints of God are firm in their zeal against sin. Sin cannot abide in the house of God. The saints will never compromise with sin, nor those who will justify their salvation as continuous sinners. If a sinner is shown the error of his or her way, and repents, and desires to be born again, the saints will be glad to help them.