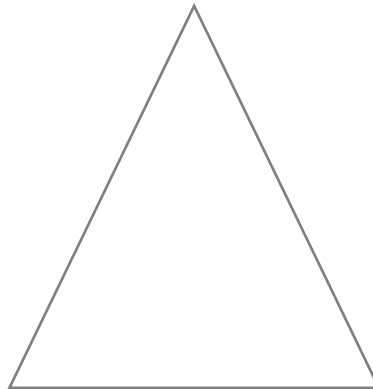

Born Again

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Generations will come and go, man will advance in all areas of knowledge regarding the enhancements of life. There will be amazing discoveries, scientifically, technologically, even spiritually with new religions available to choose from to satisfy the un-renewed mind and the lust of the flesh. My own experience as a recipient of salvation through Christ and understanding what it means to be Born Again can only be understood in a spirit to spirit context. These two experiences of salvation and born again has opened my eyes to truth and grace which no other religion or science can fully explain to a man seeking God whole heartedly. This man Jesus Christ as spoken about in the Hebrew scriptures and the New Testament writings accurately fulfill the intended purpose set out in words as a word spoken about becoming flesh. Born of a virgin, Baptized by John, spoke on controversial matters, challenged the order of religious men, healed the sick and cast out demons who held territorial claims over geographical areas, he fathered 12 disciples and showed them the way of The Father, he was betrayed, he was falsely accused, beaten, put on trial, crucified as He became the substitute offering for sin, buried in a tomb, and on the third day raised himself from death defeating the last stronghold over man death, therefore whosoever believes in the Son of God shall have everlasting life in Him and not perish. You know! God loves you so much and the expression of His love is demonstrated physically and spiritually at place meant for many sinners but Christ choose to give His life so we can move on to His expressed love made complete in us, which means we will grow up in the soul and spirit to maturity as we are joined heart to heart and spirit to spirit to Him who redeemed us through His grace.

We should note that the way in which the world chose to go is not necessarily the way the church should go that's you and I. There is much to be considered as a believer, there are doctrines and there are doctrines of demons influencing belief systems which in some cases one cannot tell a lie from the truth because truth is always under scrutiny by those who lack the grace to understand. Anything outside of Christ has the capacity to contend for your attention, science, medicine, technology, religion or even the devil for that matter, however certain things are good for the progress for human development even the devil used as a blacksmith by God, yes, that's right the devil, God's blacksmith. Your enemy is not the devil as Jesus overcame him, your true enemy is yourself to overcome you and the seeds of corruption sown by the devil to persuade you otherwise, Christ is the way, truth and the life. Life and death is put before us and God recommends we chose Life which is in Christ. We must be born again, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit, we must develop a sound mind and spirit in our growth process, we must depend on the Father and model the Son of God.

Spiritual Growth

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen {ESV}

The Spirit of the Fathers heart is love. It is amazing how easily we at times can forget that the one who created us will care any less for us. Well! Paul reaffirms this in a prayer over the church. God's love is infinite in depth, length and breath, the Love of God is immeasurable hence by knowledge alone we will never fully understand God's love. Our earthly Fathers love is defined within the boundaries of who they are, but with God there are no limits, His love can only be understood through the witness of the person Christ Jesus, therefore we need the Holy Spirit to strengthen the inner man so that our belief in Christ is rooted and grounded in love. Knowledge can never undermine love, its because of love that we have knowledge of Christ and the workings of God which is revealed through Jesus Christ. For a believer love is the key principle to understand the wisdom of God in salvation and been born again. Once again building up to a case and point I just wanted to say that theses terms are not religious terms its spiritual terms its a spiritually legal term for one who enters and sees the kingdom of God. I was lead to this portion of scripture because I call myself a son that's what God desires a spirit of sonship. I have determined through the process of my spiritual growth that I cannot be a child forever. I have experienced love unconditionally over everything in my life whilst growing up spiritually under the grace of the Holy Spirit. Salvation and born again is a lead way to maturity and sonship.

For God So Loved the World

John 3 16:21

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the

only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

Born Again Growing up spiritual Examined

To be Born again is simply that 'born again' there are scriptures that explains what transpires in this process which I will document under this heading and reference. To illustrate what I am writing I will use the model of a family. The union between a man and a woman is ultimately to have a relationship within which to have offspring and a shared responsibility over that offspring to love, nurture, provide, protect, teach, discipline, until such a time the offspring is able to function as a mature adult able to make informed decisions, become accountable and act responsible thus at such a time receive the inheritance of the parents to build a future of which represents that household of the parents and rise up sons and daughters of their own. To be born again in biblical terms is defined as starting a new under the grace of God the Father, modeling a life after the Son, Jesus Christ, who is the exact representation of the Father and been filled with the Holy Spirit who is able to teach and lead one into all grace and truth. There is a specific requirement for a person to whom God reaches out to and that is to read the bible, study, pray and come under the grace of a spiritual father who is generally the pastor of a local church or pastor you can trust with you soul, who is able to build your soul in the way of the Son of God.

As a child grows up so must one who is born again, as Jesus said to Nicodemus in [John 3:3](#) 'I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God' interestingly when a child is born and grows up would the son or daughter need any convincing that their biological parents are actually they parents, No, so why do we need convincing that God is our Father it stems from an orphan spirit within us thats why many who claim to be born again are actually just saved by the skin of their teeth. Lets look at some scripture and see where this is coming from.

[John 2:23](#) 'Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man'.

People only believed in his name when they saw the signs that which Jesus was doing, believing because of signs and wonders does not authentic a true born again believer therefore Jesus did not

trust them, Why? because he knew human nature. In [John 3:3](#) the requirement was be born again or you will not see the Kingdom, Jesus didn't say you will not enter he said you will not see the kingdom of heaven, therefore in another scripture it says the kingdom of heaven is in you, so when one is born again Jesus who is the kingdom lives in you, which makes you the temple of God a dwelling place acceptable by God. The bible says that we walk by faith and not by sight which can clearly not be seen in the many folk as their belief is based on sight, signs, wonders, and miracles only therefore God cannot trust them as authentic sons/children but a process of been born again is a requirement to all who will come to Jesus. Referencing [John 3:5](#) here Jesus now tells Nicodemus **'I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without begin born of water and spirit, then proceed to say humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life,** Jesus reassert that Nicodemus must not **be surprised when** He says **you must be born again.** The process requires a renewing of the mind instead of outward commitments and appearances. This is so crucial that many folk miss the whole emphasis on been born again. It has become a lose term used in christian circles without the emphasis on the process thereafter which is the renewing of the mind the growth, the feeding of the word, the correction and connection, discipline, the measure of accountability and responsibility that comes with been born again unto God the Father. I always maintain that if we cannot listen to our own parents or someone in authority how then can we listen and do what God tells us in terms of holiness and righteousness, how are we to live before God or is sin always going to be our default. Born again is instant but renewing the mind can take a long time as long as it is happening it is good. Lets move one and investigate further.

Not seeing the kingdom I believe is linked to not believing

Not entering the kingdom has to do with an anti mindset against and not for

Jesus is saying to him Nicodemus that if your position concerning me is not changed meaning unlearning what you know and relearning what you should have known, you cannot see, then he says he cannot enter if he is not filled with the holy spirit a process of baptisms, to sum it up he is told humans give birth to humans but to be born again its a rebirth of the spirit {spiritual life} born into a natural world with the characteristics of Christ Jesus.

Born Again to a Living Hope

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you

rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:20-25

He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you

Salvation is a free gift

The terms and conditions of born again must not be misunderstood apart from its true biblical requirement, the terms of its condition is actually a legal requirement. Just as a child is born it is a legal requirement to document its birth and given a certification of birth which leads to coming of age where an identity document is issued to confirm ones legal age and status. The spiritual requirements also require growth and identification in the spirit. The easy thing is to conform to religious requirements because it is outward, however born again contends with the inner man because the secrets of the heart cannot be hidden from God, therefore been born again is a growth process by which complete transformation and renewal of a person into the image and likeness of Christ Jesus.

End Note - ‘I am a Son of God resorted into the image and likeness of Christ Jesus’