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Are You BORN of the WATER & the SPIRIT?

re you a <u>true</u> Christian, or are you a <u>Christian</u> by your <u>own design</u>? There are many <u>Christian Organizations</u> that have their own <u>different teachings</u> of Christianity. But there is a way you can <u>know for sure</u> who is right: be **BORN AGAIN**.

When Nicodemus came to Jesus by night, he came with <u>all sincerity</u>, saying, **%abbi**, **WE KNOW** that thou art a teacher **COME FROM GOD**: for no man can **DO THESE MIRACLES** that thou doest, **EXCEPT** God be with him+(JOHN 3:2).

What about you? Do you <u>believe</u> that Jesus did <u>%bese miracles</u>,+ or do you <u>doubt</u>? Do you believe that Jesus was born of a **VIRGIN**, or was he an <u>impos-</u> <u>ter</u>? *%What* **THINK YE** of Christ? Whose **SON** is he+(MATT 22:42)?



Jesus said to Nicodemus, *%Except a man be* **BORN AGAIN**, *he* **CANNOT** *see the kingdom of God*+ (JOHN 3:3). Christian, have **YOU** been <u>born again</u>? Are you <u>absolutely</u> **SURE** you <u>know</u> what this means?

Then Jesus said to him, *%Except a man* be born of **WATER** and of the **SPIRIT**, he **CANNOT ENTER** into the kingdom of God+ (JOHN 3:5). So, unless man is born of **WATER** and of the **SPIRIT**, there is no hope of **ENTERING** the kingdom of God, correct?

Nicodemus <u>humbled himself</u> and asked, **Wow** can these things be+ (JOHN 3:9)? Good for Nicodemus! He was a **MASTER** OF ISRAEL, and yet *Wesus answered and said unto him...*KNOWEST NOT THESE THINGS+(JOHN 3:10)?

How many with <u>master's degrees</u> would have been **OFFENDED** by Jesusquestion, <u>and yet</u>, Nicodemus was a **SEEKER** of **TRUTH**. Are **YOU**? Then letters <u>learn</u> about the **NEW BIRTH**.

The <u>new birth</u> begins when you admit that you are **% SINNER**+ and you are <u>willing</u> to **%** be CONVERTED, and **BE-**COME AS LITTLE CHILDREN+ (MATT 18:3 -4).

The Word of God declares that ‰ALL have SINNED, and COME SHORT of the glory of God+ (ROMANS 3:23). This includes YOU too. Do you <u>believe</u> this?

Perhaps you think of yourself as a <u>good</u>+ person. But the Word of God also declares that <u>we are ALL</u> as an UN-CLEAN THING, and ALL our righteousnesses [ALL OF OUR GOODNESS] are as FILTHY RAGS+ (ISAIAH 64:6). So there is nothing <u>wood</u>+in us.

Finally, there are people that <u>we all admire</u> in the world, and <u>some</u> even dare to worship them. But the Word of God thunders back: **% THERE IS NOT** *a* **JUST MAN** *upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not*+(Eccl 7:20).



<u>Christian</u>, do **YOU** <u>believe</u> these words, or do you <u>believe in</u> the <u>holiness</u> of men and women?



Jesus said, *%except ye* **REPENT**, **YE SHALL ALL** *likewise* **PERISH**+ (LUKE 13:3,5), so **REPENTANCE IS VERY IM-PORTANT**; *and yet*, if you will be honest with yourself, it is *rarely* **PREACHED** from *anybody's pulpit*!

REPENTANCE is the **KEY** to salvation, and it means **COMPUNCTION**, the <u>pricking</u> of your **CONSCIENCE** which is <u>a sharp feeling of uneasiness</u> brought on by a **SENSE OF GUILT**. Have **YOU** ever felt **GUILTY** for being a sinner?

In the Old Testament, God said, *Whe* Lord is **NIGH** unto them that are of a **BROKEN HEART**; and **SAVETH** such as be of a **CONTRITE SPIRIT**+ (PSALMS 34:18). <u>Contrite</u> means a <u>feeling</u> of **DEEP** <u>sorrow</u> or <u>remorse</u> for having <u>done</u> <u>wrong</u>, and **ONLY** the Word of God <u>produces</u> it.

After <u>admitting your guilt</u>, <u>petition</u> God with words <u>similar to these</u>: **God be MERCIFUL** to me **A SINNER**+ (LUKE 18:13). God will not only <u>forgive your</u> sins, but He will <u>give you</u> a **NEW** <u>mind</u> and <u>spirit</u> (Ezk. 36:26), and <u>baptizes you</u> into the body of Jesus Christ His Son:

Kor by **ONE SPIRIT** *are we* **ALL** *baptized into* **ONE BODY***...and have been* **ALL** *made to* **DRINK** *into* **ONE SPIRIT+**(1 COR. 12:13).

At that moment, you become ‰a NEW CREATURE: old things are PASSED AWAY; behold, ALL THINGS are become NEW+ (2 COR 5:17). The Holy Spirit living within you, guides you into ALL truth. <u>Christian</u>, <u>if you</u> are IN CHRIST, then <u>the Lord</u> has ADDED YOU to His church <u>because</u> YOU REPENTED (ACTS 2:47).

Do you remember a time when you <u>repented</u>? If not, humble yourself and <u>repent</u> to



God <u>*right now*</u>, before itos too late, and you <u>*will*</u> be **BORN AGAIN**.