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Born Again?

Jesus said, ***“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”*** (John 3:3). The Bible teaches that there are **only two eternal destinations – Heaven or Hell!** The conclusion is both simple and shocking! Since one ***“must be born again”*** (v.7) to go to heaven, the destination of those who are not ***“born again”*** is – Hell!

So, what does the term ***“born again”*** mean? Jesus used it while speaking to a ruler of the Jews. Nicodemus was a good, moral, and religious person; but, those qualities were not sufficient to get him into Heaven. Jesus explained that this **second birth** was ***“of the spirit”*** (John 3:5) and like the wind, which can be heard and felt, but not seen. One is not ***“born again”*** by religious form or ritual, but by a **personal experience** by the invisible Spirit of God!

When Nicodemus asked how this happens, Jesus referred to Moses who was told by God to put a serpent on a pole as a sign of God's provision for the Israelites when they were bitten by poisonous snakes (Numbers 21:8). **When they looked** at the serpent on the pole **they miraculously lived!** Jesus told Nicodemus that likewise He, **Jesus**, would be **lifted up** on the cross that **whoever believes in Him** would miraculously be saved! ***“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”*** (John 3:16).

When one believes on Jesus he is ***“born again”*** and his eternal destination is changed from hell to heaven as John the Baptist explained, ***“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him”*** (John 3:36). Will you believe on Jesus and receive Him now in prayer (see: www.naog.ws/message.htm)? ***“As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God”*** (John 1:12).

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