



# Pastor's Comments

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## Religious or Saved?

George Whitefield, the famous Great Awakening Evangelist, at the age of 16 became **convicted of sin**. Before learning he had to be "**born again**," he tried to erase his guilt by **religious activity**.

Whitefield wrote, "I fasted for 36 hours twice a week. I prayed formal prayers several times a day and almost starved myself to death during Lent, but **only felt more miserable**. Then by God's grace I met Charles Wesley who put a book in my hand which showed me from the Scriptures that **I must be 'born again' or be eternally lost.**" Whitefield came to understand Jesus' words in John 3. **He believed and was gloriously saved!** After he became a preacher, he spoke at least a thousand times on, "**Ye must be born again**" (John 3:7). He fervently desired that all who heard him might **experience the transforming power of God's grace** and thousands upon thousands did!

Perhaps you are a **religious person**, yet you know that **something is missing**. Or, maybe you have been a **wicked person** and feel there is no hope for you. God says, "**Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow**" (Isaiah 1:18). Open the Bible to John, chapter 3, and **read for yourself what God has to say**. Verse 17 states, "**For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.**" As you read, pray that God will **open your understanding** to His Word. Jesus said, "**I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved**" (John 10:9). Enter in **by believing on Him and by calling on Him in prayer**, "**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved**" (Romans 10:13). Please see more on being "**born again**" at: [www.naog.ws/theway.htm](http://www.naog.ws/theway.htm)