

*Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God. John 3:3 AMPC*

Nicodemus was a respected religious leader; he was a good man. He even recognised that **there was something special about Jesus. He acknowledged that He was “a teacher come from God” because of the miracles He was performing, and that God was “with” Him.**

Jesus interrupted his discourse with the answer to his unasked question, and said that a person must be born again in order to see or experience the kingdom of God. See John 1:12-13, where John explains that we must receive Jesus to become children of God, to **be “born of God.”** There is only one way to the Father and that is through Jesus. (John 14:6).

Nicodemus needed to know that Jesus was not only a teacher, but God the Son, the Saviour, the Messiah and that “whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” (See John 3:14-18)

I grew up Catholic. I went to church, believed that there was a God, even believed in Jesus; that is, I believed **that He existed and was the Son of God. However, I knew I wasn’t born again.** I had not surrendered to His Lordship and “received Him.” This very Scripture convinced me thereof, until one day I surrendered to Jesus.

To be born again is something God does in us when we respond to Him in faith and receive Him as our Saviour. It is a supernatural experience where God imparts His life into us and makes us brand new *on the inside*, in our spirit being. We then enter His kingdom and His family, as His child, and learn to know and follow Him. Eternal life is about having a relationship with God. (See John 17:3)

**Have you been “born again?”**

- 1) What does this passage teach us about God? How does it apply to you?
- 2) **Does being “good” earn you eternal life? What is needed to partake in the kingdom of God?**
- 3) Do you know a “good” religious person who needs to hear this message?

Based on today's reading, what is one thing God is saying to you?