

Born Again

It seems strange to hear we must be born again. To learn more about this we need to go back to the beginning with Adam and Eve, and then it will all make sense. Adam and Eve were complete with three parts to their being. They had Body, Soul, and Spirit. A spirit that communicated with God directly all the time. As we discussed in series #1, they lived in absolutes, a gift, so they could be free to make decisions and be fulfilled, rewarded, and lived in peace with their Creator.

Adam/Eve
(Before their fall)
Body Soul Spirit

After they fell, not believing God, they had a darkened spirit.
Body Soul, Darkened spirit

All of us born into this world since that time have a darkened spirit that cannot communicate directly with God. We are born into a life separated from God. After the fall Gods spirit came and went, spoke to certain people, prophets of the time. Those prophets told mankind what God wanted them to know.

As we indicated in another section, the Love and Freedom section, there is no real love without freedom. Satan deceived Adam and Eve by saying, sure things are wonderful, but God is holding you back. I used to be like you; then, I learned all that God knows. Believe me; there is a lot more for you right now.

Adam and Eve heard from Satan, "God does not really mean you will die if you do not believe Him. Look, I am still living". Adam and Eve believed Satan and God's spirit left them. So here we are, living with the consequence of not believing. Now we are living in chaos and pain. The door is open for us to restore that relationship. God loves us so much; He provided a way.

You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' John 3:7

"He saved us, not on the basis of deed which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ." Titus 3:5-6

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, and whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, HE gave the right to again, become the children of God. John 1:12

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:12-13

Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?

John 11:25-26

Born again means that we ask God to restore us by believing what he said. Born again is God's spirit coming back dwelling in those who believe. Tell your creator you believe what he has said and ask that He dwell in you.

Questions

What did this say about God?

What did this say about you?

Any action required on your part?