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A mile in the shoes of... Nicodemus

Breaking dead religion and tradition

John 3:1-10

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

John 3:1-10

3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is ⁿborn ^oagain² he cannot see the kingdom of God.” it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

John 3:1-10

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:1-10

7 ^tDo not marvel that I said to you, ‘You⁴ must be born ^uagain.’ 8 ^vThe wind⁵ blows ^wwhere it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 3:1-10

9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?”

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John 3:3-4

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John 12: 42 - 43:

42 Nevertheless, even many of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Born again - For who is it?

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Born again - What is it?

John 3:5

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Born again - What is it?

Ezekiel 36:25-27

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. **26** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Born again - What is it?

DEFINITION:

Born again is an act of God where He imparts eternal life to those who are dead in their trespasses and sins, when they accept Jesus as their saviour.

Born again - What does it do?

- Changes us completely

John 3:16

16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Born again - What does it do?

- Changes us completely
- Gives us a Kingdom perspective

Born again - What does it do?

1 Cor 2:14

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

Born again - What does it do?

- Changes us completely
- Gives us a Kingdom perspective
- Salvation

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1. A genuine act of born again must bring change in life

Born again - How?

Rom 10:9

That if you declare with your mouth the Lord Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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1. A genuine act of born again must bring change in life
2. God requires unconditional love and relationship, not religion and tradition



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Do we still have some Nicodemus in us?