

Holy Spirit: Wind & Fire | New Birth

Introduction:

Have you ever wondered, “What does it mean to be born again?” Whatever it means, it must be incredibly important as Jesus said, “... no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” In other words, being born again is essential if we hope to spend eternity with Jesus. Jesus goes on to explain further what this means to a Pharisee named Nicodemus. Nicodemus is a prominent teacher in Israel, and yet, does not understand the most basic teachings on how to obtain eternal life. He had all the right credentials but was completely missing the point. In speaking with Nicodemus, Jesus shows him the difference between knowing about God and knowing God personally. One can know all about God, and yet, be far from Him. Jesus does not merely call us to knowledge, but to transformation.

Read Your Bible

- 1 Peter 1:22-25
- John 3:1-21

Apply God’s Word to Your Life:

1. What do you think Jesus meant when He said we must be born again?
2. Have you been born again? How do you know?
3. What is the difference between knowing about God, and knowing God personally?
4. What does transformation in Christ look like?
5. How does your life look different because of your relationship with Jesus than it would without a relationship with Jesus?
6. In a time of silent confession, or with someone you trust, is there anything in your life that is ‘in the dark’ that needs to be ‘brought to the light?’
7. How do you think Jesus, the light of the world, can shine His light greater in your life?

Reflecting on the text:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

Pray

God of Heaven and Earth, thank You for sending Jesus to us so that we may be born again. Thank You for raising us to new life through Your Son, who came not to condemn the world but so that the world might be saved through Him. Help us to experience this new life in Him. We love You and are eternally grateful. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen!