

WEEK 3: THE NEW BIRTH  
DAY 1: WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

1. Last week we learned much about repenting. We learned that everyone must be sorry for sin. Everyone must confess and leave sin. But we cannot do this by ourselves.

Who helps us to repent?

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2. The Holy Spirit helps us to repent. He shows us our sin. He gives us the power to turn away from Satan.

In our lessons this week we will see that we also need the Holy Spirit for something else. We need him to give us new birth. We must be born again through his power. To repent and try to leave sin will not help unless we are changed. We need new life from God. The Holy Spirit makes us to be born again. He does this so we can live a new life. He does it so we can see heaven.

As we learned, from what part of us does sin come?

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3. Jesus said that sin comes from the heart. Our heart needs to be changed. We must be born again. A person may be willing to confess and leave his sins. But if his heart is not changed, his sinful life will continue.

The Holy Spirit will make it possible for us to live a new life.

What must happen so we can live a new life?

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4. You could say that our heart must be changed. Or you could say that we must be born again. Both answers mean the same thing. If we are born again, then our heart is changed. We can live a new life. The Bible also says that we can see heaven.

Who makes us to be born again?

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5. The Holy Spirit does this. Jesus explained the new birth to Nicodemus in the Bible. Let us read what happened.

Take your Bible now and read John 3:1 to 8.

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6. Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews. He was a teacher. But he was not happy. He came to Jesus at night to ask questions. He was not sure about the way to heaven. He thought Jesus would give him some rules to keep. Perhaps he had a little book in which to write down these rules.

Read John 3:3 again. **Learn this verse for this week.**

What did Jesus say must happen to a person before he can see the kingdom of God?

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7. Jesus said a man must be born again. When he is born again he has a new life. He can see heaven.

Nicodemus did not understand how he could be born again. He asked how an old man can become a baby and be born again from his mother. Perhaps Nicodemus pointed to his gray hair when he asked this.



Which part of us needs to be born again when we repent? Is it our heart or our body?

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8. It is our heart that must be changed. Jesus explained to Nicodemus that it was not his body which needed to be born again. It was his heart or his spirit inside him. Look again at what Jesus said.

John 3:6

*Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.*

What do we call it when our heart or spirit is changed by the Holy Spirit and we have a new life?

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9. We call it being born again. The Holy Spirit changes us. He gives us new life in the spirit. In the Old Testament God promised that he would change men's heart.



Ezekiel 36:26

*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone (hard heart) and give you a heart of flesh (obedient heart).*

Why must a person be born again by the Holy Spirit?

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10. You can answer in different ways. You can say that he needs a new heart. Or he needs a new spirit. You can say that a person cannot follow Jesus unless he is changed. You can say that unless a person is changed, he cannot live a Christian life. He cannot see the kingdom of God.

When we repent, what do we call the change the Holy Spirit makes in us so we can live a new life?

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11. He makes us to be born again. A person who is born again begins to live a new life. He is changed inside. We cannot understand this, but we know it is true.

John 3:8

*The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.*

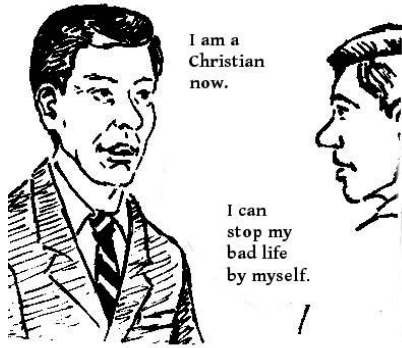
Who makes us to be born again?

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12. The Holy Spirit does this. I have a friend who has much learning. He had a good job in government work. But because of heavy drinking and other things, he lost his job. Then he believed and received Christ. His life was completely changed. He was changed so much that his

friends wondered how he left his old life. They wondered how he became new so quickly.

One of his friends also had much



learning. He too lost his job through drinking. When he heard that



his friend was a Christian, he went to him. He said, You are foolish to become a Christian. I can stop my bad life without receiving Christ. I will show you that I can stop drinking. He stopped drinking for a few weeks. But

soon he was living his old life again.

When we repent, what do we call the change the Holy Spirit makes in us so we can live a new life?

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13. The Holy Spirit makes us to be born again. He does a miracle in our lives. He gives us a new life.

My friend who was born again continued to live the new life. But the other man could not do it. We can stop sinning only when the Holy Spirit changes us. Many people do not understand this.

Perhaps the people in your church do not understand the new birth. They do not know that they must be born again. Take another piece of paper. Write down the things which you have learned in this lesson. **Preach** this as a sermon to your people if you can.

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14. Bring your sermon paper to class so we can see it. Don't forget to memorize John 3:3.

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WEEK 3: THE NEW BIRTH  
DAY 2: WE ARE BORN AGAIN THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS

1. Yesterday we learned what happens to a person when he repents.

When we repent, what do we call the change the Holy Spirit makes in us so we can live a new life?

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2. He makes us to be born again. This is not something we can do for ourselves. When Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again, Nicodemus was troubled. He asked, How can this be? Nicodemus was thinking about his body. But Jesus was talking about his heart or his spirit. The Bible tells us that we are born again through the blood of Jesus.

Who makes us to be born again through the blood of Jesus?

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3. The Holy Spirit does this work. The Spirit of God gives us a new heart and a new spirit. Let us see how the Holy Spirit does this.

We have already learned that God made Adam like himself. When God made him, he had a clean and holy spirit. But Adam sinned. His spirit became sinful. His spirit died as God had said it would. There was only one way for his spirit to be made alive again. The blood of another would have to be given for his life. Later, God explained how this life could be given.

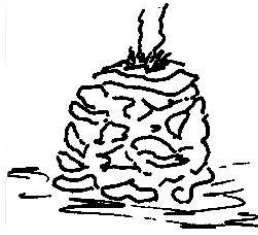
Hebrews 9:22

*. . . without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*

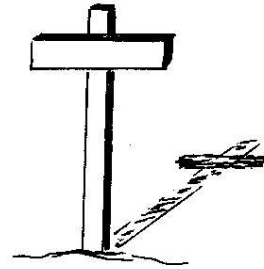
What is needed for forgiveness of sin?

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4. The blood of another needs to be given. God said that if another life would be given then people could be saved. He said that life must be given for their sins. God commanded the people in the Old



Testament to make animal sacrifices. The blood of these sacrifices covered sin until Jesus died on the cross. Now the blood of Jesus Christ takes away sin forever.



Hebrews 9:28

*So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; . .*

Who is the only one who can save us by his blood?

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5. Only Jesus can save us by his blood. We can be born again. We can have our heart changed. This is why Jesus came into the world. He was the only One good enough to die and give his blood for our sins. All other men have sinned. They cannot give us salvation. Jesus is the perfect Son of God. He was able to take our death for us. Paul explained this to the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 5:21

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Did Jesus ever sin?

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6. Jesus never sinned. His life was perfect. He could give his life for our life. He could take our punishment. We can believe in him. We can be born again by accepting what Jesus did.

Isaiah 53:5

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

What does the Holy Spirit use to wash away our sins?

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7. The Holy Spirit uses the blood of Jesus. Once there were twins called John and Joshua. They looked alike, but John was a bad boy and Joshua was good. When one was bad, the teacher knew he was John.

One day John was fighting a girl during the lunch break. When the twins came into the school, the teacher called John to be punished. But before he could stand, Joshua went quickly to the teacher. The teacher did not see that it was Joshua. He punished Joshua, thinking that he was punishing John.



John

Joshua

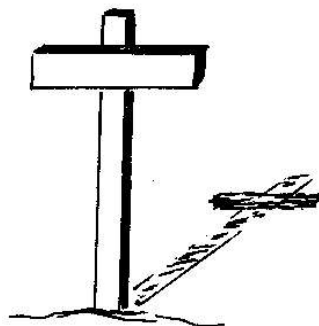
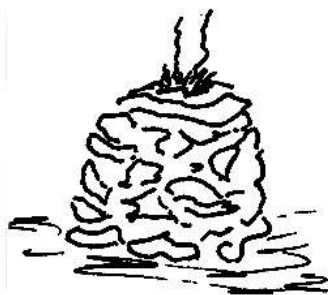
As the boys went home from school, John asked Joshua, Why did you take my punishment today? Joshua answered, I felt sorry because you are always being punished. I wanted to take your place. John was surprised. He began to cry. Then he promised that from then on he would try to be good.

Who took the punishment for our sin?

What did he give so that we could be born again?

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8. Jesus is the one who took our punishment. He gave his blood for us. This meant that he was giving his life so that we could have life.



Through the blood of Jesus we are born again. In the Old Testament the people had to use the blood of animals. This showed how Jesus would shed his blood for us.

Hebrews 9:19,20,22

*Moses . . . he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop (a sweet smelling plant), and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, This is the blood of the covenant (agreement), which God has commanded you to keep. . . In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is*

*no forgiveness.*

From these verses, why is the blood shed?

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9. The blood was shed (poured out) for the forgiveness of sins. When Jesus was hanging on the cross, one of the soldiers wounded him with a spear. The Bible says that blood came out of his side. Peter tells us that this is how we are brought back to God.

1 Peter 1:18,19

*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

When we repent, what does the Holy Spirit use to give us new birth?

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10. We are born again through the blood of Jesus. But many people do not understand this. They think they can do things by themselves to get the new birth.

Mr. Brown has quite a lot of money. He wants to be known as a Christian. Can he be born again by giving a large amount of money to a church leader or missionary?

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11. Giving money to a church or missionary cannot give a person new life.

Do you remember the story of the boy who made a boat? You remember that he lost the boat and had to buy it back again. God made us, but Satan took us away from God because of sin. Now Jesus has bought us back. We must believe and receive Jesus if we want to be born again and belong to him.

What does the Holy Spirit use to wash away our sins and make



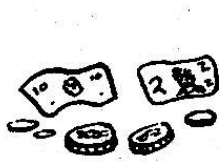
us to be born again?

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12. He uses the blood of Jesus. This is what John wrote:

1 John 1:7 and 9

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*



Maybe you know someone who is trying to save himself. He is trying to get the new birth through giving money. Or he is trying to be saved by joining the church. In Christian kindness go and tell him what you have learned in this lesson.

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13. We will hear what happened when you come to class.

What does the Holy Spirit use to wash away our sins and make us to be born again?

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14. Write out John 3:3. Check with your Bible if you have written it correctly.

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WEEK 3: THE NEW BIRTH  
DAY 3: NEW BIRTH BRINGS NEW LIFE IN OUR SPIRIT

1. We are learning that we can be born again. We can have our sins washed away. When we repent, the Holy Spirit gives us new birth.

What does the Holy Spirit use to wash away our sins and make us to be born again?

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2. We are born again through the blood of Jesus. If we are Christians, we have two kinds of life. We have life in our body and in our spirit.

When a baby is born, it has life in its body. It receives this life from its parents. It is a new person. When we repent and receive Jesus, we are born again. Before we received Jesus, we were dead in our spirit. Now we are alive. We have new life in our spirit.



We have learned that the way of Satan leads to eternal death. We also learned what Jesus promises to those who take his way.

What does he promise?

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3. Jesus promises eternal life. He says that this is why he came to earth.

John 1:4

*In him was life, and that life was the light of men.*

John 10:10

*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

When we are born from our parents, what kind of life do we have?

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4. We can say we have earthly life, or life in our body. But there is another kind of life which we can have. It is life in our spirit. We receive this life through the blood of Jesus. We are born again by the Holy Spirit as we believe and receive Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4,5

*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.*

Which part of us is made alive when we are born again?

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5. It is our spirit which is made alive when we are born again. When we repent, the Holy Spirit makes us new people. We have something new. It is life in our spirit.

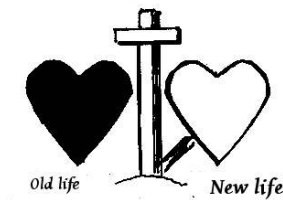
1 John 5:12

*He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

From this verse, can we have life in our spirit if we do not receive Jesus?

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6. We get our new life only when we are born again. We are born again through the blood of Jesus. Some people think that Jesus only came to earth to give us rules to keep. But these verses show that he came to give full life. Paul wrote to the people at Colosse about this. They were dead in sins until they found Christ. Then they were born again.



Colossians 2:13

*When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.*

What new kind of life do we have in Christ when we are born again?

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7. We have life in our spirit. This is a new kind of life. When we are born from our parents, we have life in our body. But when we are born again, we have life in our spirit. We are new people. Even the things which we do with our body are changed because Jesus now lives in us. After we are born again, we can live a new life which is like Christ. This is how Paul explained it.

2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

From this verse, what passes away when we have new life in our spirit?

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8. The old passes away. We are changed. It is only the Christian faith which gives this. People who pray to other gods do not receive new life. They only receive laws which they must keep. Christ is the only One who can change a sinner into a new person.

One day I was talking with a man who was a doctor. He was a follower of a religion in Asia. He said to me, "Our religion is as good as Christianity. Our rules also make us live a good life." I asked him, "Do you have a Saviour who gives you new life and helps you keep the rules?" He had to answer, "No." When we are born again, we do not only receive new laws.

What new kind of life do we have after we are born again?

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9. We have new life in our spirit. Paul wrote many things about being born again. He knew that a person becomes new, because he became a new person himself. In the book of Acts we read how he treated the Christians.

Acts 9:1,2

*Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest . . . so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.*

What did Paul (or Saul) have in his heart before he was born again?

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10. He had sin in his heart. He hated the Christians. He even had murder in his heart. But God spoke to Paul. On the way to Damascus, a great light shone and Paul became blind. Let us see what happened.



Take your Bible now and read Acts 9:4 to 6. Saul was now ready to start something new.

What new kind of life do we have after we are born again?

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11. We have new life in our spirit. When Paul met Jesus, he was born again. He received life in his spirit. He became a new man. Now he did not hate the Christians. Instead, he loved them. Look what he did.



Acts 9:19,20

*Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.*

After this Paul was beaten, stoned, and put into prison. But he had life in his spirit. He did not fight back. He spent the rest of his life helping other people find Jesus.

Paul had life in his spirit after he was born again. How do we know this?

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12. You can answer in different ways. You can say that he was changed. You can say that he lived a new life. You can say that he loved Christians instead of hating them. You can say that he worked for Jesus instead of fighting against him.

The Bible uses different words to talk about what happens when we are born again.

Acts 3:19

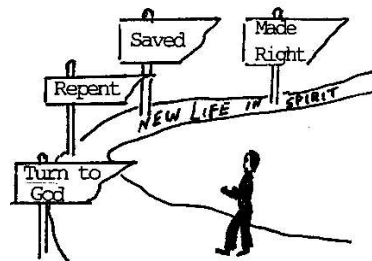
*Repent, then, and **turn to God**, so that your sins may be wiped out.*

Acts 16:31

*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will **be saved**.*

Romans 5:1

*Therefore, since we have been **justified** (or made right) through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*



What new kind of life does a person have after he is born again, or saved, or made right?

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13. We have new life in our spirit when we are born again. When we have this life, we do not live in the same way we lived before.

After you were born again, how did other people see that you had new life?

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14. We will talk about your answer in class.

What new kind of life does a person have after he is born again?

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WEEK 3: THE NEW BIRTH  
DAY 4: PEOPLE WITH SPIRITUAL LIFE EAT AND GROW


1. What new thing does a person have after he is born again?

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2. We have new life in our spirit after we are born again. But some church leaders do not have spiritual life. Jesus warned us about this. Take your Bible now and read Matthew 7:21 to 23.

Read verse 23 again. What will Jesus say first to these people?

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1. He feeds on God's Word	3. He brings forth Spiritual children.
	
The born again man	
2. He grows in his spirit.	4. He overcomes sin.

3. Jesus will say to them, I never knew you. This does not mean he does not know what they are doing in the world. It means that they never received spiritual life from him. Some people are preaching in the name of Jesus. But they do not know him. How can we know when people are really born again? This is what we want to learn today.

There are four things which a born again person does. At the end of the lesson you will be asked to write three of them.

How can a baby stay alive?

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4. A new baby must eat. When he eats he grows. He learns many things. After a time he is an adult. Then he has his own children. He overcomes his problems.

That is the way it is with the person who is born again. He must now live the new life. He must have spiritual food. He must grow in his spirit. He must have spiritual children. He must overcome sin.

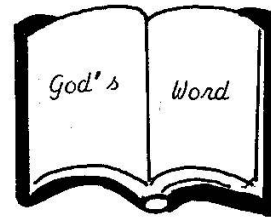
Jeremiah 15:16

*When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty.*

From this verse, what is the food for the Christian life?

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5. The food of the Christian is the Word of God. Sometimes when people want to become Christians, they go to church classes. They learn the laws of the church. But they do not learn and remember the Word of God. They do not take it into their lives and live by it. Maybe they have never been born again. Perhaps that is why they cannot eat spiritual food.



What is the first thing which shows that a person is born again?

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6. He feeds on the Word of God. A new Christian is like a new baby. He needs food. He gets it from the Bible.

1 Peter 2:2

*Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it (the Word) you may grow up in your salvation.*

If a person begins to love and read the Bible, this shows that he is born again. Here are the four things again.



- 1) He feeds on God's Word.
- 2) He grows in his spirit.
- 3) He brings forth spiritual children.
- 4) He overcomes sin.

What is the second thing which shows that a person is born again?

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7. A born again person grows in his spirit. He loves God more and more. He understands the will of God more easily. He obeys more quickly as the days pass.

He does not just learn with his head. It is good to study about Jesus, but the things we know will not make us to be born again. We must have the life of Jesus inside us.

Even people who are not Christians know some things about Jesus. A school teacher told me that sometimes students who are not Christians make high marks in Bible classes. But they are not born again.

If we are born again, what happens to our spiritual life when we feed on the Word of God?

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8. A born again person who reads God's Word grows in his spirit. A person who is not born again does not grow spiritually.

Have you ever seen a child playing with a baby doll? My daughter has a doll. It is a big doll and looks like a real baby. One day my wife and daughter were out walking. The girl was pushing the doll in a stroller on a rough path. They met an old lady who said, "Your girl is doing something very bad to her little sister. This path is too rough for the baby. It will get sick. Your girl should carry her sister on her back."



My wife smiled and told the lady, That is not a baby. It is only a doll. The lady was deceived by the looks of the doll. It looked like a baby. But it was not a baby because it had no life. It did not grow. Many church members are like the doll.

If a church member is not born again, will he grow spiritually?

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9. No, he will not grow spiritually. He may look like a Christian, but he is not alive. He does not eat and he does not grow.

If the old lady could watch the doll for a short time, she could see that it was not a baby. It does not eat and it does not grow. This is because it has no life. Some church members never get hungry for the Word of God. They do not grow. They do not change to be more like Jesus.

What kind of people feed on God's Word and grow spiritually?

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10. Born again people feed on God's Word and grow spiritually. They do not stay the same. They have a new life.

What are the first two things which show that a person is born again?

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2)

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11. This is how we know a person is born again.

- 1) He feeds on God's Word.
- 2) He grows in his spirit.
- 3) He brings forth spiritual children.
- 4) He overcomes sin.

A doll never gives birth to children. It cannot give birth because it has no life. In the same way, a person who only looks like a Christian

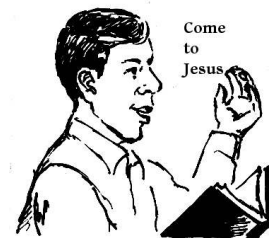
never brings other people to Christ. Many church members never try to help other people become Christians.

Why do you think many church members do not bring other people to Christ?

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12. There can be many reasons. One reason is that they have no life themselves. Jesus wants Christians to bring forth new Christians as parents give birth to children. He wants us to bring new people to Jesus so they can be born again.

We cannot give new life to people ourselves. We can only bring them to Christ. But if we bring them to Christ, then we can say that they are our spiritual children. Paul and John spoke of their spiritual children.



1 John 2:1

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin.*

What did John call these people to whom he was writing?

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13. He called them his dear children. But they were not his children in the flesh. They were his children in the spirit. He was the one who took the good news of Christ to them. He was the one who told them how to be born again and how to grow.



*Spiritual children*

If we are born again, what will we want to do for other people?

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14. You can answer in different ways. We will want to help them be born again. We will want to take God's Word to them. We will want to

bring them to Christ. We will want them to repent and have new life.

What is the third thing which shows that a person is born again?

- 1) He feeds on God's Word.
- 2) He grows in his spirit.
- 3)
- 4) He overcomes sin.

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15. The third thing is that he brings forth spiritual children. The fourth thing is that he overcomes sin. Let us look again at the words which John wrote to his spiritual children.

1 John 2:1

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin.*

Let us say that someone says he is now a child of God. Do you expect him to go on doing the things which God says he should not do?

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16. We do not expect him to disobey God. A child should obey his father. When we are born again, God tells us not to sin. He gives us power to say no to sin. Many church members fall into sin. Why is this? Sometimes it is because they have never been born again. They have tried to be Christians without having the life of Christ in them. They have tried to keep the laws of the church. But one day they were tempted to commit adultery or to speak evil of someone. Instead of overcoming, they were overcome.

What overcomes those who are not born again?

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17. Sin overcomes them. They keep trying and failing. They cannot live the Christian life because they are not born again.

Born again people are also tempted to sin. Sometimes they fail, but they do not keep on sinning. They confess the sin and go on. Let us see once more what John wrote to his spiritual children.

1 John 2:1

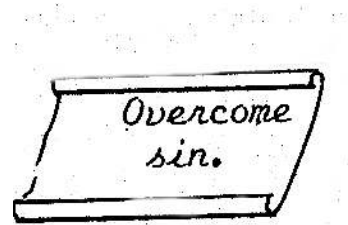
*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.*

What is the fourth thing which shows that a person is born again?

- 1) He feeds on God's Word.
- 2) He grows in his spirit.
- 3) He brings forth spiritual children.
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18. A person who is born again overcomes sin. This does not mean that he is not tempted. It does not mean that he never sins. But he confesses his sin as soon as he sees it. He is forgiven and goes on living the Christian life. When that temptation comes again he is strong and does not give in to it. In this way he overcomes sin. We will have more lessons later on how to overcome sin.



Many people still do not understand how to be born again. They think Jesus came only to give laws to keep. They think that joining the church makes them Christians. They have not asked Jesus to take away their sins and give them a new spirit.

What do these people need?

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19. They need to be born again. They need new life in their spirit.

Write three things which show that a person has been born again.

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- 3)

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20. Write out your memory verse, John 3:3.

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WEEK 3: THE NEW BIRTH  
DAY 5: THE SPIRIT MAKES US SURE THAT WE ARE BORN AGAIN

1. This is our last lesson for this week. Let us see what we have learned.

When we repent, what do we call the change the Holy Spirit makes in us so we can live a new life?

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2. The Holy Spirit makes us to be born again.

What does he use to wash away our sin and make us to be born again?

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3. The Holy Spirit uses the blood of Jesus to do this.

What new thing does a person have after he is born again?

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4. After a person is born again, he has new life in his spirit.

Write three things which show that a person is born again?

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5. Other people can see that a person is born again when he feeds on God's word, he grows in his spirit, he brings forth spiritual children and overcomes sin.

Sometimes when a person repents he is still troubled. He is not really sure that he is born again. Today we want to learn about this. We

want to see whether a person can really be sure that he is born again.

First let us see what you think. Do you think that a person can know for sure that he is born again?

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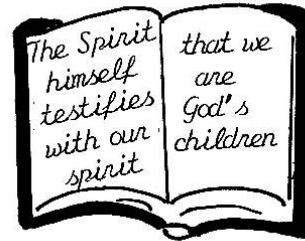
6. Some people say that we cannot be sure. But let us see what the Bible says. Paul wrote to many different churches. They had many questions. Paul told them that they could be sure they were born again. Take your Bible now and read Romans 8:14 to 16.

Read verse 16 again. Who makes us sure that we are the children of God?

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7. The Spirit of God makes us sure. This is a wonderful truth.

We have learned that the Holy Spirit helps us to repent. Then he helps us to have faith in Jesus. He uses the blood of Jesus to wash away our sins and give us the new birth. When we are born again, we come into the family of God. We are God's children. The Holy Spirit makes us sure that we are born again.



Romans 8:16

*The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

Take time now to **memorize this verse**. Read it three times. Then cover the verse. Try to say it without looking at it. Do this until you can say all of it. When you can say it without looking, write it here.

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8. Find the verse in your Bible and see if you have written it right. Paul was sure about the things which happened to him. He wrote about them to Timothy.

2 Timothy 1:12

*Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.*

Paul had no doubts. He knew the person in whom he believed. He knew that the Lord Jesus had received him. He knew that Jesus would care for him. We too can know Jesus in our heart. We can be sure that he has received us. We can know that we are born again and have a new life.

Say Romans 8:16 to yourself. Who makes us sure that we are the children of God?

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9. The Holy Spirit does this. He makes us sure that we are God's children. He makes us sure that we are born again. Paul knew this. John also knew this and wrote about it.

1 John 4:13

*We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.*

Say Romans 8:16 again to yourself. What does the Holy Spirit do to our spirit?

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10. The Spirit makes us sure in our spirit, or he bears witness with our spirit. John says that we can have this sureness in ourselves.

1 John 5:10

*Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart.*

When we repent and believe, the Holy Spirit talks to us. He does not talk with a voice which we hear with our ears. He talks to us in our

hearts. Because of this no one can make us doubt.

What does the Holy Spirit make us sure about?

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11. He makes us sure that we are born again. He makes us sure that we are the children of God. He makes us sure that our sins are forgiven. Many church members are not sure about these things. If you ask them if they are born again, they say, I am not sure. If you ask them whether their sins are forgiven, they say, I think so. Sometimes this is because they are trying to be good in themselves.

One day an old lady refused to take communion. She was more than 80 years old and had been a church member for a long time. Someone asked her why she did not take communion. She answered, Oh, I am not good enough yet. This lady was not sure that her sins were forgiven. She thought she had to do many things to make herself good. But good works will never make us sure. Only the Holy Spirit can make us sure that we are the children of God.

If a man goes to church every Sunday and is kind to everyone, will this make him sure that he is a child of God?

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12. The things we do cannot make us sure we are born again.

One day a church leader came to me. He said, I have been a church elder for twenty years, but I am not sure that I am born again. I showed him that he must believe in the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. God does not want us to go around doubting that we are his children.

How can we be sure that we are born again? Answer by writing Romans 8:16.

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13. Find the verse in your Bible to see if you have written it right.

We can know that we are born again. We can know that we are God's children.

Maybe you are a leader in your church, but you are not sure that you are born again. If this is true, you cannot teach your people to be sure that they are born again.

Are you sure that you are born again?

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14. If you are not sure, take time now to go to a quiet place. Go to a place where you can be alone. Take your Bible with you. Read again the verses from these lessons which have spoken much to you. Ask God to show you how to believe and receive Jesus. Ask him to make you sure that you are his child.



It is important for you to be sure about this before you learn any more from this book. From now on, every lesson is for those who know that they are born again. If you are not born again, the lessons will not help you. May the Holy Spirit lead you to be sure that you are a child of God. After prayer, you can answer the next question. If you are already sure of your salvation, answer it now.

How do you know that you are a child of God?

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15. How can we be sure that we are born again? Answer by writing Romans 8:16.

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16. Write out John 3:3 from memory.

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