

Jesus Said... "Ye Must Be Born Again"

tual group will help you grow in your Christian life. In such a gathering, you have the opportunity of sharing in worship, fellowship and witness.

When you have made the greatest and most important choice of your life—taking Jesus as your Lord and receiving forgiveness for your sins—I would be happy to hear from you. If you have any questions about being born again, or if you need any Gospel help, please feel free to contact the person whose name appears below.

—Raymond P. Brunk

A Warning to New Christians

After you are saved, the devil will come to you and want you to doubt your "new life." He may work through your friends. They may make fun of you. The attacks from the devil may be strong. But do not allow yourself to be discouraged. Stop him before he starts. Resist the devil and he will flee from you (James 4:7). "Stand fast therefore in the liberty where with Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1). "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Ephesians 6:13).

God bless you.

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Nicodemus was a religious teacher and a member of the ruling council of the Jews. He wanted to talk to Jesus privately, so he came to visit at night. There were many people with Jesus each day, and Nicodemus was no doubt busy with his own affairs during the day as well. By coming to visit at night, they could talk and not be interrupted.

As they started to talk, Nicodemus said that he knew Jesus had come from God. He recognized that the miracles performed by Jesus were done with a power that came from God alone. Nicodemus wanted to know more. Jesus answered that it was not enough to be admired by him for doing the miracles or knowing who had sent him. Jesus flatly told him, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." This was a crushing remark to Nicodemus, considering what he had been saying. Jesus did not mean to rebuke him, though. He was just carrying Nicodemus' thought further. Without a new birth experience, he could not hope to understand the deep meanings of what had just been said.

Then Nicodemus replied, "How can a man be

"Father in heaven, I know that I am a sinner, and I pray now that Jesus would come into my life and take control. I am sorry for my sins and need to have them forgiven and washed away with the blood of Jesus. I want Jesus to be my Saviour. Prepare my heart so that I can be with those that are in heaven. Help me to be faithful to you and to grow more like Jesus. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

At this time, Jesus will take control of your life and God will be your Father. You will truly be "born again," and the sins of your past will be forgiven. You should share with others what you have done—and tell them that you are a Christian now. After you have done this, you should kneel and pray again, thanking God for what He has done for you!

Once you are saved, there are several things you must do:

1. You must be baptized. Baptism is the visible sign of an inward change (a new heart). It is a public testimony that God has saved you from a life of sin, and that you have a good conscience toward God the Father.
2. You must read your Bible. And read it often. The Bible is the spiritual food necessary for new spiritual life! Read the Gospel of John, and then the entire New Testament.
3. You must pray—keeping constant contact with God is most important. Pray every day, and often during the day. Pray for others and for yourself. Make a list of people to pray for and use it regularly. And be sure to thank God for answers to your prayers.
4. You must tell others—share the good news! Tell someone about Jesus every day. Tell them that Jesus is your Lord and that He took your sins away.
5. You must give of your time and goods as an offering of gratitude to God. God loves a cheerful giver. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
6. You must attend church. As often as possible, attend your church. The fellowship of a spiri-