

Bible Sunday Sermon



7-27-25



Sermon Title:

“Why You Must Be Born Again”
(John 3:1–21, NIV)



Message Objective:

Today in this incredible message we will explain in simple terms why every person must be born again to enter the Kingdom of God — and how

this happens through Jesus Christ.

1. Introduction: The Big Question



John 3:1–3 (NIV)

John 3:1-3 NIV

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. [2] He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." [3] Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

Read again.....

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- Let us start with a question: “If you died today, do you know where you’d go?”
- Nicodemus was a religious man, a good man — yet even he needed to be born again.
- Being “good,” going to church, or believing in God is not enough.

2. What Does “Born Again” Mean?



John 3:4–6 (NIV)

John 3:4-6 NIV

"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" [5] Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are

born of water and the Spirit. [6] Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

- Physical birth vs. spiritual rebirth.
- Born again = made spiritually alive through faith in Jesus.
- A total inner change — not behavior modification, but heart transformation.



2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

3. Why Do I Need to Be Born Again?



Romans 3:23 (NIV)

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for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,



Romans 6:23 (NIV)

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For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Every human being is born in sin — separated from God.
- No one is righteous by their own efforts (not by religion, works, or tradition).
- We need a Savior to make us new and give us eternal life.



Ephesians 2:1–5 (NIV)

Ephesians 2:1-5 NIV

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. [4] But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

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4. How Can I Be Born Again?



John 3:16–17 (NIV)

John 3:16-17 NIV

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

[17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

- Believe = trust with your whole heart that Jesus died and rose again for your sins.
- It's a gift — not earned.
- Repent (turn from sin), believe in Jesus, and receive Him.



Romans 10:9 (NIV)

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If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

5. What Happens When You're Born Again?



John 1:12 (NIV)

John 1:12 NIV

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-

- You are forgiven.

- You are adopted into God's family.
- The Holy Spirit lives in you.
- You receive eternal life and peace with God.



1 John 5:11–12 (NIV)

1 John 5:11-12 NIV

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. [12]

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

6. Invitation and Call to Action



Revelation 3:20 (NIV)

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Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If

anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

- Jesus is calling you today.
- Open the door of your heart.
- You can be born again right now.



Pray a simple salvation prayer:

“Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God. I know I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe You died for me and rose again. Right now, I turn from my sin and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for saving me. I want to follow You from this day forward. Amen.”



Conclusion



2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

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The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Jesus didn't come to make bad people good. He came to make dead people alive. Be born again. Be saved. Be made new.

