

Born Again
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Man needs a complete spiritual birth. He needs to be washed. He needs to be transformed. He needs to have his heart replaced with a new heart. His Spirit replaced with a new spirit, he needs the Holy Spirit planted within him if he's going to enter the kingdom of God. In short He needs God because only God can bring about the new birth!

God loves you and has a plan for you! The Bible says, "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, [Jesus Christ], that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly"—a complete life full of purpose (John 10:10). But here's the problem:

Man is sinful and separated from God. We have all done, thought or said bad things, which the Bible calls "sin." The Bible says, "**All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**" (**Romans 3:23**). The result of sin is death, spiritual separation from God (Romans 6:23). What is the good news?

God sent His Son to die for your sins! Jesus died in our place so we could have a relationship with God and be with Him forever. "**God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us**" (**Romans 5:8**). But it didn't end with His death on the cross. He rose again and still lives! "Christ died for our sins. ... He was buried. ... He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Jesus is the only way to God. Jesus said, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me**" (**John 14:6**).

Would you like to receive God's forgiveness? We can't earn salvation; we are saved by God's grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. "We must believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God Who died for us on the cross, rose from the dead, and is Lord. We must put our trust in Jesus alone to make us right with God. **Romans 10:9-10:** *"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*