

*THE  
NEW BIRTH*

*"That I May Know Him"*

# One Must First Realize

**We are all sinners!**

**Romans 5:8** “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is death”

**I John 1:8** “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

**Jesus made this Comment:**

**Mark 2:17** “They that are whole have no need of the physician, *but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*”

**His message to sinners was**

## Repentance

**Repentance simple means:** Sorrow, remorse, regret, penitence, contrition, compunction, contriteness, attrition, self-denunciation, self-abasement, self-reproach, self-condemnation, self-humiliation, penance, prick of conscience.

**Matthew 4:17** “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

**Matthew 3:8** “Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:”

**Luke 24:45-47** “Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**A Truly Repented Heart is the First Step Toward God!**

People will assume that repentance is in itself a new birth experience. It is commonly taught that simply believing on the Lord is enough to save someone, and they need not go any further because the new birth is complete.

Let's take a closer look...

Belief and True Repentance is only the first step toward God. As Paul told the Philippian jailer, "***Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved***" (***Acts 16:31***)

**John 7:38** "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said..."

### **You Must Call On the Name of The Lord Also**

**Acts 2:21** "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Matthew 7:21** "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

It is very clear here that not everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved. Why? Because they did not do the will of the Father. You will find in His Word there is a precise way to call on His Name.

Jesus once made the statement: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

**Acts 10:43** "To him give all the prophets witness, **that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.**"

It would seem, at this point, that His Name plays a very important part in our salvation.

**Acts 4:12** "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

This brings us to the next step in the New Birth.

## Water Baptism

**Mark 16:16** “He that believeth and is BAPTIZED shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

**1 Pet 3:21** “The like figure whereunto **even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:”

**John 3:5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of WATER and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

**Gal 3:27** “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

## Old Testament Typology

In the days of Noah, God used water to separate his people from sin with the great flood.

**1 Pet 3:20-21** “Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:”

When the children of Israel were lead out of Egypt, the first thing they came to was the Red Sea. They crossed over and the water separated the evil of Egypt from the promise land they were about to enter. Here again, the water was used to separate sin from God’s people.

## The Tabernacle in the wilderness

### Exodus 30:18-21

“Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.”

The tabernacle was the place of worship in the Old Testament. The priest was commanded to wash at the laver before entering the Holy Place where God dwelt. Here again the water was used to cleanse the priest from the sin offering he had just made at the brazen altar.

In the New Testament, the water is used in baptism for the remission of sins. (To remove one's sins or to wash away)

**Acts 2:38** “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

**Acts 22:16** “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

**We now start to get a clear picture of how to believe and call on the Name of the Lord.**

**Acts 8:16** “For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

**Acts 10:43** “To him give all the prophets witness, THAT THROUGH HIS NAME whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”

**Acts 10:48** “And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.”

**Acts 19:5** “When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

**Acts 22:16** “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

**Rom 10:11-13** “For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

When you call on His name in baptism, and believe with all your heart that He died for you, your sins are remitted. You have started the born again process. See (Acts 2:38)

## **Water Baptism Has Two Distinct Meanings**

1. A washing away or remitting of one's sins as we have just discussed;
2. Also, it is symbolic of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When a person repents of his or her sins, the old sinful nature of that person is put away or crucified (put to death).

**Romans 6:6** “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.”

**Galatians 5:24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

**Now that we have died to sin, we need to bury that sin in a watery grave.**

**Romans 6:4** “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

**Colossians 2:12** “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

**This brings some question to the scripture. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus made a statement that would appear to be a bit confusing. Let's take a look.**

**Matthew 28:19** “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

Father, Son and Holy Ghost are all titles, not names. Many people simply repeat the Lord's command rather than obeying it. Baptism using three titles was not practiced or taught by the disciples of Jesus Christ. The disciples knew exactly what the Lord was saying that day. The Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is nothing more than JESUS.

### **What is the Name of the Father?**

**John 5:43** “I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.”

## **The Name of the Son**

**John 20:31** “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”

## **The Name of the Holy Ghost**

**John 14:26** “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

## **Jesus made some of the most profound statements in the Gospel of John.**

**John 14:10-11** “Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.”

**John 10:30** “I and my Father are one.”

**John 14:8-9** “Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?”

**John 12:45** “And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.”

**II Jn 1:9** “He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.”

**I Jn 5:7** “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

The Scriptures are very clear in that there is only one who can forgive someone's sins. There is only one who died for our sins, and there is only one name that will wash away those sins. **JESUS!**

**Acts 4:12** “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

This is how we do away with the old man (Bury) and put on the new man.

**Col 3:9-10** “Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:”

## **How do you put Him on?**

**Gal 3:27** “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

## JUST WHAT IS THE HOLY GHOST?

Many might ask this question. The Holy Ghost is nothing more than the Spirit of God. For God is a Spirit.

**John 4:24** “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

The Lord spoke of a day when He would come and dwell in His People.

**Ezek 36:26-27** “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.”

**Joel 2:28-29** “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.”

**Acts 2:17** “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:”

**Joel 2:32** “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.”

The Lord also made the statement that if one does not have His Spirit, they are none of His, and cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven.

**Rom 8:9-11** “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

**John 3:5** “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

**John 4:24** “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

### Cannot Call Him Lord Without The Holy Ghost

**Co 12:3** “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”

## DO I REALLY NEED THE HOLY GHOST(GOD'S SPIRIT)?

**Eph 1:13** “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise...”

**Titus 3:5** “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he *SAVED* us, by the washing of regeneration, **and RENEWING OF THE HOLY GHOST...**”

**Rom 8:16** “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God...”

## HOW DO I RECEIVE HIS SPIRIT?

In the world of religion you can find a hundred different ways to receive His Spirit. These days, no one can seem to agree on any one way. This is where the scripture is the final authority. It does not matter what anyone may think or believe; what matters is what Jesus has to say about it.

Jesus told Peter that He was going to give him the Keys to the kingdom: ***“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*”**

Matt 16:18-19

I would imagine that whatever Peter tells us, we had better take notice. Here Peter puts the keys to work.

**Acts 2:38-39** “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

Here we can see Peter teaching the lost how to call upon the Name of the Lord (Baptism); and, if done in the right manner, “you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

Rom 10:13-14 “ For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”

## JUST HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN I RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST?

The First clue Jesus gives to us is found in the Book of John.

**John 3:5-8** “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the SOUND thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

According to this passage, it would seem that there is some sort of sound that will occur when someone is born of the Spirit. The TRUE definition and explanation can be found only in the scripture. The first time the Holy Ghost was given is found in Acts Chapter 2.

**Acts 2:1-4** “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a SOUND from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

What sound was heard? And what gave the utterance or made the sound?

1. Spoke in tongues (another language). **Mark 16:17**
2. Spirit gave the utterance (made the sound). **John 3:8**

Jesus stated Himself that a believer who had been baptized would speak in tongues. *“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new TONGUES; (Mark 16:15-17)*

### The Prophet Isaiah and Joel even spoke of this day

**Isaiah 28:11-12** “For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.”

**Joe 2:28** “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions...”

Everytime someone in the scriptures received the Spirit of God, (which they needed to be saved, John 3:5-8, Rom 8:9, Mark 16:16-17, Eph 1:13, Titus 3:5, ) they spoke in another language or tongue. God divided the people at the Tower of Babel and brought His church together in one heavenly language.

**Corinthians 12:13** “For by **one Spirit** are we all **baptized** into **one** body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into **one Spirit.**”

### Scriptural Example

**Acts 2:4** “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

**Acts 10:45-48** “And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.”

**Acts 19:5-6** “When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”

It has been stated in the scripture that the tongue is the most unruly part of a man, and by surrendering the tongue to God, you have completely surrendered your will to God:

**James 3:8** “But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.”

**James 3:6** “And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.”

**1 Cor 1:27** “But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty”

### Remember This?

**Rom 10:11-13** For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**1Cor 12:3** “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that **no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.**”

You truly cannot call Jesus your Lord unless you have completely surrendered to His will and His Spirit.

## Conclusion

When a person has truly repented of his or her sins and been baptized in the precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ (whose Name is above every name, the one and only Name whereby we must be saved) and filled with His Spirit, the Spirit of the one who raised Christ from dead will also quicken his or her body by His Spirit that dwells within them.

(Luke 13:3, Mark 16:15-17, John 3:5-8, Acts 2:38, Acts 4:12, Rom 8:9, I Cor 12:3, Eph 1:13, Titus 3:5)

John 8:32

“And ye shall know the **truth**, and the **truth** shall make you free.”

# THE NEW BIRTH EXPERIENCE

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. T/F Do we all need to be saved?
2. T/F Do I need to repent of my sins?
3. T/F Do I need to do more than simply accept Jesus as my savior?
4. T/F Do I need to be baptized? If so, Why?
5. T/F Do I need to let the Bible be my guide in finding salvation for my soul?
6. T/F Do I need the Holy Ghost in my life to be saved?
7. T/F Do I need to be baptized in the Name of Jesus?

## Discussion Questions

8. What will let me know that I have received the Holy Ghost?
9. Should I let a preacher overrule the Word of God, or should I put the Word first?
10. What three elements did the original plan of salvation that was preached by Peter include?
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  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_