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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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A BORN AGAIN CHECKLIST

5:00 John 3:3-5 Jesus instructs Nicodemus that if he wishes to understand and enter the true kingdom of God, he must be born again.

Nicodemus is confused trying to reconcile with the concept of biological birth and so Jesus further instructs him.

9:45 John 3:7-8 “You should not be surprised at my saying, you must be born again. 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”.

Jesus is laying down the idea of the Holy Spirit and how he acts in and upon the lives of God’s children.

Terry begins to layout four evidences that point to the fact that one is in fact born again. This teaching is not the standard evangelical approach to the subject, but a refreshing perspective.

13:00 1 John 5:1 (Evidence # 1 Belief.) “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...”

Terry’s perspective here is not that “belief” gives rise to new birth – rather – belief is the evidence of the new birth. The Holy Spirit acting upon the person brought the person to belief.

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Matthew 16:15-17. Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ and Jesus tell him that he didn't come to that understanding by himself, but that God had revealed it to him. Ephesians 2:8 – even faith is from God.

22:30 1 John 3:9 (Evidence # 2 No Sin) “ No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning”.

Terry points out that all Christians do sin, so what can this statement mean. The Greek grammatical structure gives the hint. It means that there will be no continual sin. Sin is not comfortable for the born again person. (The spirit convicts us of sin). The conscience is active and sin diminishes.

29:30 1 John 2:29 (Evidence # 3 Desire Righteousness) “ If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him”.

The born again person seeks an inward holiness. Not that he achieves it, but he desires to be there. A striving to be right but not in anyway related to good works for salvation.

33:10 1 John 5:4 (Evidence # 4 Overcomes the World). “For everyone born of God overcomes the world”.

God's gift of faith allows the born again person to not only resist the temptations of the world but to overcome adversity of major proportions, with his faith (relationship with God) undamaged.

John 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ 8 The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit.”

1John 5:1 Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child.

Matt. 16:15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Eph. 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God —

1John 3:9 No one born of God commits sin; for God’s nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God.

1John 2:29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.

1John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.