

# Becoming a New Creation

## Class Outline

- I. Why Is This So Important?
  - A. When we ask Jesus to be our Lord and Savior, we become a brand-new person (2 Corinthians 5:17)
  - B. When we are born of natural birth, we are born into sin
  - C. Sin separates us from coming into right relationship with God
  - D. All we need to do is accept His sacrifice and move into right relationship with Him (Romans 3:22-25)
- II. What Does It Cost Me?
  - A. It costs you nothing... and everything
  - B. We exchange our old life for a brand new one
  - C. We don't need to be perfect to come to Him, we just need to come
  - D. We just need to believe, accept, and receive (Romans 10:9-10)
- III. What Will Happen to Me?
  - A. You get an immediate ticket to heaven, but this is just the beginning!
  - B. You become a child of God, as much as Jesus is!
  - C. You will walk in more love and compassion
  - D. You will experience peace and joy, even in the midst of the storms of life (Mark 4:35-39)

## Born... Again?

Have you ever been around church people that come up with these bazaar phrases like “new creation”, “saved”, or “born again”? You probably left shaking your head thinking “are these people from another planet, or is there something I’m missing?”

This lesson will break it down for you into simple terms that make sense. Being “born again” simply means turning your life over to the one who will lead and guide you to a better life than you could ever imagine. It’s the greatest decision you’ll ever make!

## From the Bible...

“There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. ‘Rabbi’, he said, ‘we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.’ Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.’

‘What do you mean?’ exclaimed Nicodemus. ‘How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?’ Jesus replied, ‘I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’”

*John 3:1-7 (New Living Translation)*

## **Why Is This So Important?**

2 Corinthians 5:17 says: “Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”

When we are born the first time (natural birth), we are born into sin. This sin separates us from God. It is like a wall between us. You may be a good person, and even live by good moral standards, but you cannot come into relationship with God when you are separated by this wall.

Without relationship with Him, we will be separated on this earth, and for all eternity. But because Jesus went to the cross and took every sin with Him, all we need to do is accept His sacrifice and move into right relationship with God.

Romans 3:22-25 says: “We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood.”

## **What Does It Cost Me?**

Becoming born again costs you nothing... and everything. The old life that you’re so accustomed to, one of worry, fear, doubt, heartache, and uncertainty, will be traded for one of hope, peace, joy, and rest. In effect, you’re doing an exchange – your old life for a brand new one. Not a bad deal!

Some would say you shouldn’t do this, because you’ll have to give up everything. But is what you’re giving up really worth hanging on to? Others would say that you have to be perfect before you can come to relationship with God. But Jesus was perfect so you didn’t have to be!

Still others would even tell you that in order to have this new life you have to be a good person, never kill anybody, don’t tell lies (or at least not too many), and, of course, help old ladies across the street! But Jesus never said that!

Romans 10:9-10 says: “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.”

That’s it! It’s not about doing good works, praying enough, going to church, or anything like that. It’s about simply believing, accepting, and receiving. How awesome is that!



