

## PROOF OF THE NEW BIRTH

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*"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God".*  
John 3:3.

This great important verse in the Bible speaks of God's requirement for anyone who wants to be guaranteed a home in heaven. Jesus said you must be born again. Jesus taught that He was the only way. *"Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* John 14:6. There are myriads of ways that men have tried to prepare for eternity, and all are false, dead end ways that fall short of heaven. Our biggest important task in life is to find His way for us, to be sure Heaven is our future home. If you miss it you are doomed to hell, but if you find it you are guaranteed all eternity in heaven. I want to lovingly back you into the corner, ask some honest questions, and make sure you have been born again. Allow me to speak of six proofs that ought to be present in your life. You should be able to see them and others as well. Let's start with **(1). Belief In Christ:** *"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him."* I John 5:1. Sadly, religion has strayed far from the very core of salvation. It is not a man made way of faith, but the gift of God. You are not saved by works, or repeated prayers; by human actions, and sacrifices, and good intentions. Religions idols cannot speak or help you in any way. Only faith in the finished work of Christ can save your soul, and make you a redeemed Child of God. If you believe that Jesus is the only Son of God, that He was crucified for your sin, and you have trusted Him as your Saviour, then you can honestly know you have been born again. Have you

realized your plight as a sinner and honestly placed your faith in the finished work of Christ? Then hundreds of verses in the Bible teach you are saved. This first proof is immense and stands above all the other evidences. It is our eternal God who does the saving and the same who does the keeping. Since He promised it, a true believer who believes it, is sealed by His grace in the family of God. **(2). Righteous Living:** *"If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him."* I John 2:29. If you are a member of the family of God then you should live like it. *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* II Cor. 5:17. The truth is that a true child of God will be changed from the old ways of a sinner. It is natural for sinners to act like sinners and likewise very right for us to live like children of God. If you prayed a pretty prayer, but nothing changed, joined a church but still live as you did before, something is wrong. When truly saved the Holy Spirit lives within, convicts when we do wrong, and overall we have a whole new purpose in life. Before we loved the things of sin, but as a believer we choose Godly ways. A true believer is repulsed by evil, changed by the power of God, and motivated in a Christ honoring life. If you see no change, have no desire for spiritual values, something is very wrong. **(3). No Habitual Sinning.** *"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin: for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."* I John 3:9. The key to this is so clear in the original Greek. It means a believer does not keep right on in the same sins, with the same old evil lifestyle. Though we are saved yet we live in our body of sin until we die. We are still capable of doing wrong, but will not deliberately sin. It is an untrue statement to say we cannot give up that which is wrong. A sinner loves his sin and desires to continue in it. A true child of God

when he stumbles, asks forgiveness, and gets up as a forgiven child of God. We don't want to sin anymore, but sometimes we do. Our sin will be incidents and not practiced paths of evil. You can give up anything that is wrong for Phil 4:13 says *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."* Phil. 4:13. No habit can hold you, further enslave you, repeatedly destroy you. As you grow in Christ, your spiritual muscles will develop, and you will learn to resist evil. Stop whimpering, I can't quit, and desire for release in the promised power of the Lord. You can be weaned away from bad habits, and yearn for the good through Christ. If you stumble, spot the reason, confess your sin, and God will forgive. He knows you are human, and has great love and patience. You'll destroy a lot of temptation and sinning, by seeking to be like Christ. Daily bathe in the glory of God's Word, and you won't go back to the pig pen of Satan.

**(4). Overcoming The World:** *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"* I John 5: 4&5. Notice dear Christian friend that we are on the right side, and God promises we can overcome the world. Temptations and continual evil swirl around us daily. Never has the Devil had so many ways to destroy mankind. In our flesh we are urged and tempted to do those things that will anger God. Satan presents evil in many forms, but the true child of God can resist the Devil, all because of who we are. We are the sons of God with all the power of our Father behind us. So use the faith God gives you day by day. You don't have to light that cigarette or take that drink. Instead of shaking your head at the TV garbage, press that off button on the remote. You don't have to live in the grips of any fleshly desire feeling like a victim. Lift up your head and live a life of victory. Nothing is hopeless. You are promised by God that you,

by His grace, can be an overcomer. Your faith in the power of God can give you victory. **(5). Love For Fellow Christians:** *"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."* I John 3: 14&15. Now is a good time to take an honest look at your heart. Are you thrilled in the love and fellowship one can have with other believers? Do you enjoy sharing, and talking and laughing with others who love the Lord? Members of the family of God will sense a love and comradeship with others of the faith. You will want to be in church to pray and worship together. Loaners who love the world and don't love others, are seldom children of God. Hate for others is drastic warning that all is not well with your soul. At 82 years of age I can hardly wait for the next service, to fellowship with the church family, and further ahead in glory with the saints. What about you? **(6). Desire For Purity:** *"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."* I John 5:18. Literally the word "toucheth" in the Greek is better expressed as "controlleth". By the grace of God a believer will hunger for purity. You will have thoughts that are impure flit through your mind, but can push them away and not dwell on them. We men whose thoughts are tugged at by improperly clad women can turn our head and think better thoughts. The child of God must not dwell in the slop of today's entertainment, along with the suggestive music around us. We will seek a better environment, and obey the positive admonition. *"Keep thyself pure."* I Tim. 5:22b. I sincerely hope you find these 6 evidences of your salvation very present in your life. Our salvation is of the Lord and so the secret is to claim His promises, and walk in them by faith. **Praise God!**