

YT Video: Born of Water and Holy Spirit

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Text [All quotes are from KJV unless indicated otherwise]

Joh 3:3 *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.*

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Joh 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.

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Joh 3:8 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.

I. Born to See the Kingdom

Joh 3:3 *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.*

Jer 5:21 *Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:*

Act 26:18 *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

Eph 4:17 *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*

Eph 4:18 *Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*

Eph 4:19 *Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*

II. Born to a Lively Hope

1Pe 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

1Pe 1:4 *To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*

1Pe 1:5 *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

III. Born of Water & Holy Spirit

Eze 36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

*Eze 36:25 Then will I **sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.***

*Eze 36:26 **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.*

Eze 36:27 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.

- a. **Sprinkling speaks of cleansing**
- b. **“Water” refers to the Word of God:**

*Jas 1:18 **Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth,** that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

*Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.***

IV. Sprinkling of Water

Num 8:5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Num 8:6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel and cleanse them.

*Num 8:7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: **Sprinkle water of purifying upon them,** and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.*

Num 19:17 And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:

Num 19:18 And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

Num 19:19 And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

Num 19:20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean.

Psa 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Psa 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

V. Waters of Regeneration & Renewal

Tit 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Tit 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;

Tit 3:6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Tit 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

a. Regeneration

The Greek word “paliggenesia” [G3824] occurs only twice in the NT: Tit 3:5 and Mt 19:28. It means a new birth, restoration, renovation.

Mat 19:28 *And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

b. Renewal

The Greek word “anakainosis” [G342] also occurs only twice in the NT: in Tit 3:5 and Rom 12:2

Rom 12:2 *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

VI. Water Baptism

a. *Sprinkling vs immersion*

b. *Wash away sins:*

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

1Co 6:11 *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

Note:

1. the same Greek word “apolouo” [G628] is used in only these two verses

2. the washing of baptism comes after the rebirth

c. *Identifies with death, burial and resurrection of Christ*

Rom 6:3 *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*

Rom 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.*

VII. Made Clean by The Word

Joh 15:3 *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*

Joh 13:10 *Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.*

Joh 13:11 *For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.*

Note: The Word of God cleanses us as we obey. This happened to 11 of the 12 Apostles. Only Judas was not cleansed as he pursued his love of money, resulting in his betraying his Master for 30 pieces of silver.

VIII. Washing of Water by the Word

Eph 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

Eph 5:26 *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

Eph 5:27 *That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

Note: these verses portray Yeshua himself sanctifying and cleansing us by His Word as we study the Bible and listen to godly messages. The Holy Spirit will convict us of our sins and the need to deal with them via repentance and submitting to His chastisement.

IX. Born to Enter the Kingdom

a. Seeing is not entering. Neither is mere believing:

Jas 2:19 *Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*

b. The unrighteous cannot enter the Kingdom:

1Co 6:9 *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?* *Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,*

1Co 6:10 *Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

1Co 6:11 *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

- c. How to enter:
1. Regenerated [washed, sanctified and justified]
 2. Obedience: doing the will of God

Mat 7:21 *Not everyone 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.*

Mat 7:22 *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*

Mat 7:23 *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

X. Born from Above/ Born Again

G509: anōthen

Thayer Definition:

- 1) from above, from a higher place
- 1a) of things which come from heaven or God
- 2) from the first, from the beginning, from the very first
- 3) anew, over again

XI. Born of Incorruptible Word

1Pe 1:22 *Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

1Pe 1:23 *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

Rom 10:17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Note: The Word of God must be preached:

Rom 10:13 *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Rom 10:14 *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?*

XII. Receiving Him

Joh 1:11 *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

Joh 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

Joh 1:13 *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

XIII. Evidence of New Birth

a. Regeneration before repentance from sin

Eph 2:1 *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*

Eph 2:2 *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

Eph 2:3 *Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

Eph 2:4 *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,*

Eph 2:5 *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

b. Jesus is Lord

1Co 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.*

1Jn 5:1 *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.*

c. Will not continue in sin:

1Jn 3:8 *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

1Jn 3:9 *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.*

d. Righteous living:

1Jn 2:29 *If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that everyone that doeth righteousness is born of him.*

e. Loving the brethren

1Jn 4:7 *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*

f. Overcoming the world:

1Jn 5:4 *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

1Jn 5:5 *Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*

g. Knowing God

Joh 17:2 *As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.*

Joh 17:3 *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

h. Desire for sanctification & obedience

Act 26:18 *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

1Pe 1:2 *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*