

## **Born of Water and The Holy Spirit** **Yirmeyah Tan, 22 October 2025**

**Shalom.** Today, we explore the topic entitled 'Born of water and the Holy Spirit'. This subject of being born again or born from above is known to all Christians but few know the true significance of being born from above:

1. To be able to see the kingdom and
2. Being able to enter the kingdom of heaven.

The second part is not emphasized or taught adequately in the churches. We will go through a lot of scriptures today, to get a better understanding of what is involved.

Let's begin with the well-known verses of the **Jhn 3:3-8**. This was an encounter of Yeshua with the Jewish teacher Nicodemus.

**Jhn 3:3** *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

*Jhn 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?*

*Jhn 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.*

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

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

*Jhn 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.*

The first point that Yeshua made - 'born to see the kingdom'. To understand John 3:3, you need to know what the Bible says about people who are outside the Kingdom.

Look at **Jer 5:21** –

### **I. Born to See the Kingdom**

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

Next is the **Acts 26:18** –

**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.

And **Eph 4:17-19** –

**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.*

From these verses, what comes true emphatically is that those without Christ have eyes that cannot see and have ears that cannot hear. They have no understanding of the ways of YAHWEH, and they are living in darkness. The scripture is telling us that, without supernatural intervention by the Holy Spirit, no one can see the kingdom of God. The word 'see' includes spiritual eyes, spiritual ears, spiritual hearts to be able to see, to hear, to understand the things of the Kingdom. There is so much darkness in people without Christ, that light cannot come in.

We are born from above to see something of the Kingdom, but the Bible says we are also born to a lively hope. Hope is the opposite of despair. If you got no hope you can turn to desperation. People with no hope might commit suicide when they see no hope of a better future. Many cannot take the tribulations of daily living. The Bible tells us that we need to be born from above or born again by the power of the Holy Spirit in order to have what is described as a lively hope. It is not just an ordinary, worldly kind of hope, but a hope for eternal life. We find the verses that attest to this in the **1Pe 1:3-5** -

## 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.***

These three verses capture a lot about what the Christian life and walk is all about. First, the word 'begotten': you see the linkage to Jhn 3 where Yeshua spoke about being born from above or being born again. To be begotten not only to see the Kingdom or see something of the Kingdom but to have a lively hope and an eternal hope. This is accomplished by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We are assured in scriptures that those of us who come to Christ, trust in Him and walk in obedience to Him will have an incorruptible inheritance. This is reserved for us in Heaven and verse 5 tells us something even more important - those of us who come to Christ and put our trust in Him are being kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last time.

A lot of Christians understand salvation in the past and salvation in the present, but they don't understand salvation as a process: having a culmination point where our true salvation is revealed when Yeshua shall return. This salvation will be revealed at the last day: think of the resurrection of the just, think of the rapture, the instantaneous translation of our human bodies into immortalized, incorruptible bodies to be with the Lord forever and ever.

We saw born to see something of the kingdom, born to eternal hope and according to the statement that Yeshua made to Nicodemus, that you need to be born of water and the Holy Spirit in order to enter into the kingdom of heaven. I don't know about the average Christian but I take very careful note every time the Bible says something about the conditions required for entry into the Kingdom of heaven. We should not take anything for granted because YAHWEH has laid down His conditions in the Bible very clearly for us.

The second part of what Yeshua told Nicodemus must put us on notice, that, unless you are **born of water** and the Holy Spirit, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. You may have some understanding of the Holy Spirit, the third person the Trinity, but born of water: what does it mean? A lot of people think of water baptism, but the Bible teaches us something very different and important. Look at the **Ezk 36:24-27 –**

### III. **Born of Water & Holy Spirit**

**Ezk 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.*

**Erk 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.***

**Ezk 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.*

**Ezk 36:27** *And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

The context of these verses is about the regathering and reunification of the nations of Israel and Judah. The context is of Israel but how does it apply to us? When we come to Christ or before we come to Christ, we were part of the heathen: we were part of all countries in the world. YAHWEH has taken us out from these countries, from among the heathen and brought us into the Kingdom of heaven, to our own promised land.

Look at verse 25 “I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ye shall be clean” so this water sprinkled upon us is to cleanse us from all our filthiness and our idols that we had before we came to Christ. A lot of us were idol worshippers, worshiping other gods; we have filthy sins that should not even be mentioned. Hence, we need to be cleansed. Just like water does cleaning for the human bodies, there is a spiritual water that YAHWEH will sprinkle upon us and, more than that, will give a new heart and a new spirit. This is the provision of the new covenant.

In verse 27 it says that, under the new covenant, not only will you get a new heart and a new spirit, but you will also get the Holy Spirit living in us. The Holy Spirit will empower us to to walk in obedience to His commandments, statutes and ordinances. The last part is often ignored by Christians who do not care about obeying YAHWEH's commandments and words. In the Bible, sprinkling, be it water or blood, speaks of cleansing and water refers to the word of God. Look at the word of God first and then we will see instances of sprinkling of water in the Old Testament. In **Jas 1:18 –**

**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.*

Being born from above: the word ‘beget’ is also what you call derived or part of the word ‘begotten’ with the word of truth. The word of truth is the word of God. In Jhn 5:24, Yeshua is very explicit about this –

**Jhn 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.***

The medium for the birth from above experience is the Word of truth, the Word of God. We must grab hold of the Word that is preached to us, believing in it, and trusting Him who sent the Word. The word ‘believe’ is more than just intellectual assenting. The word ‘believe’ in the Bible connotes ‘trusting and obeying’. So, putting our trust in Jesus, we will have

everlasting life. We shall not come into condemnation but pass from death to life, from darkness to light.

Let's look at the use of water, the sprinkling of water for cleansing. Some examples in the **Num 8:5-7** –

#### IV. Sprinkling of Water

**Num 8:5** *And Yahweh 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.*

You see that sprinkling water was to purify them. Then go to **Num 19:17-20** –

**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.*

In addition to the uncleanness and the filthiness of sins that we commit, the Bible tells us that, if we touch a dead body, even a bone, or a grave we become unclean and unfit to go to the Temple to offer sacrifices or to worship the Lord. In the context of the Temple, the Old Testament required a red heifer to be specially chosen and burnt to ashes then mixed with water as needed and then used to purify the unclean. King David referred to this process in his Psa 51 where he recognized the enormity of his sins with Bathsheba –

**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**.*

Hyssop is a plant that was used for the sprinkling of the red heifer ashes mingled with water. King David recognized that his terrible sins of adultery, lying, cheating and murder of Bathsheba's husband, were so hideous before YAHWEH that he was a horribly unclean person. He needed purging by the Lord, and he used this idea of sprinkling the ashes of the heifer mixed with water. Using the hyssop to sprinkle the water gives us a good picture of sprinkling with water we have seen. Water stands for the word of YAHWEH: the Bible explicitly talks about the waters of regeneration and renewal. Look at the **Tit 3:4-7**, a very

important and concise book which contains a lot of information and instructions on how we should live our lives as followers of Christ –

## 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.*

The two key phrases are ‘washing of regeneration’ and ‘renewing of the Holy Ghost’. In verse 5, He has given us a salvation process not because of our own righteousness but of His own mercy that He saved us. We have done nothing to deserve our salvation. There are two things that we must look at - washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit - without these two important works of God in our lives, we cannot be heirs of eternal life and we wouldn't have the hope of eternal life.

The word ‘regeneration’ comes from the Greek word ‘paliggenesia’ [G3824] and this word occurs only twice in the New Testament: in Tit 3:5 and Mat 19:28. The Greek word ‘paliggenesia’ translated in English means a new birth, restoration, renovation. Look at **Mat 19:28** –

### a. Regeneration

*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 shall also sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

There are two levels of regeneration that the Bible talks about. The first part, in Tit 3:5 is the regeneration of the individual while, in Mat 19:28 it is the regeneration of the entire earth. It is about the millennium when Yeshua will rule for a thousand years. In the Bible, the information about the millennium given to us is that there will be at least a partial restoration to the glory of the Garden of Eden. It would not be a full restoration, but I believe it would be a substantial restoration. The Bible calls it in the time of regeneration when Yeshua shall come back to rule and reign this world.

The second part ‘renewal’ comes from the Greek word ‘anakainosis’ [G342] and this word also appears only twice in the New Testament: in **Tit 3:5 and Rom 12:2** –

### b. Renewal

*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.*

We are a tripartite being – spirit, soul and body - the spirit is the breath of God, the soul is what identifies us as a person: the mind, the emotions, the will, with all the appetites and so on that we have. Salvation is targeted at our souls because, if our souls don't get

saved everything is over and there is no hope. When a man dies, the spirit [the breath of God] leaves him and returns to God as the Book of Ecclesiastes tells us. The body will be in the grave or in dust as cremated. The body will be subject to decay shall return to dust. Please note that the body doesn't get its salvation unless the soul is saved. That is very important: without the salvation of soul you cannot hope for the first resurrection, and you cannot hope for immortalized body that will enable you to go to heaven after you reunite with your soul at the first resurrection or the rapture depending on whether you are dead or still alive at that event. The renewal of your mind is a very important part of this process of salvation of your soul. Later, we will talk about the will and the emotions, the appetites of our body and so on that all need to be renewed and transformed.

We have seen what is important - **waters of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit** - without the combination of these two, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. What about the role of water baptism? Some people think that to be born of water and the spirit, refers to water baptism. The answer is really no. If you think in terms of the timing because water baptism follows a person's being born from above: somebody comes to Christ and then desires water baptism, but he has already been sprinkled with water. Ezk 36 tells us that the washing of regeneration means that all the past sins have been dealt with for that person when he is born from above. Of course, subsequent to that born again experience, there will be other sins to take care of and the need for further washing.

Coming back to the issue of water baptism: the practices in the church range from sprinkling to immersion. Lots of the churches insist on immersion as a true baptismal experience. The examples of water baptism in the Bible show otherwise: there were occasions when a river was clearly stated. and people could be baptized by immersion just like John the Baptist did in the river Jordan. However, think of the Philippian jailer in jail, where there was no river: there was water in jars used for drinking, washing. Hence, it was more likely to be sprinkled. There's something interesting in what the Bible says in Act 22:16 regarding Paul recounting his conversion experience –

## VI. Water Baptism

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

This was Ananas speaking to Paul when he was sent to heal Paul of the blindness. He suggested baptism but very interestingly he suggests in this verse that Paul be baptized and 'wash away thy sins': so does the washing away of sins occur at the point of baptism or does it occur at a point of receiving Christ and being born from above. This is a debatable point. Then in the **1Cor 6:11** –

***1Cor 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.*

You 'are washed': the question is when? At a new birth experience or occurrence at baptism or both? It turns out the same Greek word 'apolouo' [G628] is used in only these two verses **Act 22:16** and **1Cor 6:11**. The another more common view of baptism is that the washing of baptism comes after the rebirth but, more importantly, that baptism actually identifies with the death, burial and the resurrection of Christ. We see this in **Rom 6:3-4** –

***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.*

These verses give rise to the notion of baptism by immersion because when you are baptized by immersion the whole body is immersed in water so that gives the imagery of being buried together with Christ: you're baptized unto His death because at death, you get buried either in the tomb or in the in the earth, and the act of rising from the waters of baptism is like Christ resurrecting from the dead. There is another very important teaching in scripture from Yeshua and it has to do with cleansing by the word of Yahweh; it is very explicitly laid down in scriptures if you look at **Jhn 15:3** –

### **VII. Made Clean by The Word**

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

We should also look at **Jhn 13:10-11** –

***Jhn 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.*

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

Now these verses should put us on notice in the following way: the word of God will cleanse us only as we obey it. For example, Yeshua said that, if you look at a woman with lust in your eyes, you have already committed adultery in your heart. So if this word is really practiced by us we will not want to misuse our eyes for lust. Thou shalt not steal: that word can cleanse us if we stop stealing. Jjn13:10-11, at the last supper, when He was washing the feet of His 12 apostles, He pointedly said one of the 12 was not clean. He was referring to Judas. Judas was an apostle who went out to preach, and he performed miracles as well. The other 11 apostles listened carefully to whatever Yeshua taught and tried to obey. I use the word tried, I don't say they succeeded in obeying because the attitude is very important. I believe they had the right attitude: they allowed the word of Yeshua to convict them of their sins and would have repented of their sins and tried to go on from there, but not so Judas. We know in retrospect that he stole money from the money bag, and he sold Yeshua for 30 pieces of silver. Obviously, he had what the Bible calls the love of money which is the root of all kinds of evil. So he fell into condemnation: his love of money was greater than his love for Yeshua. Money had become his god. He was not made clean by the word. All the commandments of Yahweh are meant for us to cleanse ourselves, to get rid of all our sins but only we take heed to his commandments, only if we hasten to obey, only we hasten to apply His word in our life our lives, will the cleansing take place. There's another very important set of verses about washing by the word of Yahweh. Refer to **Eph 5:25-27** –

### **VIII. Washing of Water by the Word**

***Eph 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ 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 without blemish.*

**Note:** These verses portray Yeshua Himself sanctifying and cleansing us by His Word (the word sanctify means to set us apart unto God) 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.

It is very important that we do not become like Judas Iscariot where the word of God went in one ear and out the other ear. We cannot be part of the bride of Christ with just washing of water; unless we are sanctified and cleansed by Yeshua by the washing of water by the Word. This links up to the washing of regeneration in Yeshua's message to Nicodemus "unless a man is born of water and the Holy Spirit he shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven". Unless we are cleansed and have the Holy Spirit guiding us, we shall never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The cleansing continues throughout our lives. And don't forget the power of the Holy Spirit in the renewing of the mind, controlling the emotions, submitting to the will of the Father, submitting our appetites unto Him.

See **Jas 2:19** -

### **IX. Born to Enter the Kingdom**

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

So believing in Jesus, intellectually agreeing that Jesus is the Christ will not save us, because the devil also believes in Christ, but he trembles and there's no salvation for him. The Bible informs us that the unrighteous shall not enter the kingdom of heaven: **1Co 6:9-11**

**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.*

The list of terrible sins includes those of LGBTQ type of sins and look at verse 11: so how then can we enter the kingdom of God? In addition to the renewal of the Holy Spirit is regeneration and here regeneration is inclusive of three important parts: **being justified, being washed and sanctified**. Let's look another critical set of verses that you should always underline in the **Mat 7:21-23** –

**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 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.*

You can be a successful evangelist, a divine healer, can cast out demons, can prophesy in His name but, if you don't do the will of the Father, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Remember the Lord's prayer: Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Yes, when Yeshua shall come and reign in the millennium His will prevail over all the nations of the world; His commandments will have to be obeyed by everybody in the world. The crux of our spiritual struggle is all about doing our own will, doing the will of the world, doing the will of our spouses, our employers, our teachers, our friends, relatives instead of doing the will of the Father. Look at the cross: if the vertical stands for the will of the Father, the horizontal stands for the will of men: you can see how one crosses the other. Let's turn to 1Pe1:22:

### 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 forever and abideth for ever.***

We are born of incorruptible seed, the word of God is incorruptible, and the gospel is incorruptible. In **Rom 10:17** –

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

**Note:** The word of God must be preached: in **Rom 10:13-14** –

*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?***

We are told to go and preach the gospel. The preaching of the gospel is preaching the word of God. The word of God is the incorruptible seed and from the incorruptible seed, new birth results. So, the birth process is initiated from above by the power of the Holy Spirit when the word is implanted in the hearer: cleansing then takes place. Look at **Jhn 1:11-13** –

### XII. **Receiving Him**

**Jhn 1:11** *He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.*

**Jhn 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:*

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

There are two important points here: firstly, receiving Him with faith means trusting Him as our saviour, our Lord. Secondly, the birth process takes place not through human understanding and human desire but the will of God. It is the will of God that we get saved, born from above of water and the Holy Spirit, to enter into His glorious Kingdom. We looked

at some of the evidence of the new birth - regeneration occurs before repentance from sin in **Eph 2:1-5** –

### 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).*

YAHWEH took the initiative even when we were dead in sins (meaning unable to repent), He quickened us by the Holy Spirit and gave us this new rebirth and regeneration before we can repent. We see the evidence of new birth: whoever confesses Jesus is Lord. Look at **1Co 12:3** –

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.*

The Holy Spirit enables us to say Yeshua is Lord. It is very explicit in **1Jn 5:1** -

**1Jn 5:1** **Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:** *and everyone that loveth Him that begat loveth Him also that is begotten of Him.*

The third point is if you are truly born from above, you will not continue in sin. Look at the **1Jn 3:8 & 9** –

c. Will not continue to sin

**1Jn 3:8** *He that committeth sin is of the devil; but 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.*

The word 'to commit' is 'to practice', we do fall into sin because of weakness of flesh and temptation by the devil but we should not remain in the sin without repentance. We do not make a habit of it. If you have a recurring pattern of sin, a particular sin, you need to be dealt with quickly: otherwise, it shows that you are not a child of God but a child of the devil.

The next point is –

d. Righteous Living

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

Lots of Christians just claim that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to them, but we are told to walk in righteousness, to practice righteousness by obeying the commandments of God. We don't get saved by trying to obey Him, but we are saved to obey Him.

e. Loving the brethren is another sign –

*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 is another sign –

*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 Son of God?*

What is overcoming the world? Overcoming the world's system of values, attitudes, desires and ambitions by not following the crowd. The reason that we can stand out from the crowd and walk a narrow path of salvation is because we are born from above.

g. Knowing God is another sign –

*Jhn 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.*

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

We acknowledge the Father, we acknowledge the Son but how do we know God? I have another video - Know God through obedience - obey his commandments. My last point is about a sign of being born from birth: the desire for sanctification and obedience. **Act 26:18 and 1Pe 1:2** tell us -

h. Desires 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.*

Many churches ignore the process of sanctification and do not teach obedience to the commandments of YAHWEH. They are not signs of people who are born from above.