

## Five Truths of the Gospel

**Truth #1: Already Forgiven** – all of your sins were forgiven on the Cross of Christ, except the sin of unbelief. Mark 3:28; Romans 5:10a; John 16:8-9

**Truth #2: Made Clean** – when you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God takes out your old sinful spirit (heart) and gives you a brand, new clean heart. Romans 6:6; Romans 6:17-18; John 3:3,7

**Truth #3: Made Righteous** – as a Christian, you are now righteous in your spirit because Jesus, in the form of the Holy Spirit, lives in you. 2 Peter 1:4

**Truth #4: In Union** – you are “in Christ” because Jesus joins as one with you in your spirit. John 14:20; 1 Corinthians 6:17; Colossians 1:27

**Truth #5: By Faith** – you are righteous on the inside but your body is still dead to sin. Follow by faith the inner life of Christ so that you can live a righteous life. Romans 8:10; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:3b

## Five Keys to Understanding the New Testament

**Key #1: Teaching of the Holy Spirit** - only the Holy Spirit can make the Bible come alive since your human mind is incapable of understanding God's spiritual truths. 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

**Key #2: Proper Context** - the New Testament must be understood in its proper Jewish context. Otherwise, the message gets misinterpreted and is dramatically changed. Romans 9:4; John 4:22b

**Key #3: Spiritual Beings** - all people have an inner spirit and an outer mortal body. Christians have a “born again” spirit that is righteous, but they still live in their not-yet-redeemed mortal bodies. 2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:1-6; Ephesians 4:24

**Key #4: Jesus Emptied Himself** - Jesus lived by the power of the Holy Spirit that He received at His baptism. Jesus lived by faith and not by His own power. Therefore, He is your model for a life of faith. John 14:10b; Matthew 12:28; Matthew 12:18

**Key #5: Hebrew Law** - God gave the Law only to the Jews; the Gentiles have never been under the Law. Romans 2:14; Hebrews 7:18, 28; Hebrews 8:13

Romans 10:9 that if you **confess** with your mouth **Jesus as Lord**, and **believe** in your heart that **God raised Him from the dead**, **you will be saved**;



Ephesians 2:8 For **by grace you have been saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of God**;



1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of **the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but **to us who are being saved it is the power of God**.



Romans 10:13 for "**Whoever will call on the name of the lord will be saved**."

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## True Tracts

# Jesus Said, “You Must be Born Again”

The term being “born again” means the same thing as being “saved.”



John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God**."



1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy **has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**,



1 Peter 1:23a for you have been **born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable**,

...

## Being Born Again

The Bible teaches that all sins of all people for all time were forgiven on the Cross of Jesus Christ, except for the single sin of unbelief, the rejection of Christ as Savior. But that does not mean that all people are saved. Jesus said, "You must be born again" (John 3:7b).

The term being "born again" is synonymous with being "saved." Upon faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, God "saves" you by removing your old sinful heart (spirit) and replacing it with a brand new, clean heart.

Romans 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, **in order that our body of sin might be done away with**, that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Being a "clean vessel," the Holy Spirit comes to live in you and joins as one with you in spirit. You become literally righteous in your spirit because the Righteous One dwells in you. You have eternal life because Eternal Life now lives in your heart.

1 Corinthians 6:17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is **one spirit**.

Ephesians 4:24b and put on the new self, which **in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness** of the truth

## The Gift of Righteousness

Faith in Christ is the only way to God because only through faith are you "born again." Being born again means that you are made righteous; being righteous in your spirit is the minimum requirement to be accepted into the family of God.

Through faith, you will be given the greatest gift that you will ever receive ...

Romans 5:17b ... much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness** will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

If Jesus is acceptable to God (and He is), then you are acceptable to God because Jesus lives in you, and His indwelling life makes you righteous.

Romans 5:10b ... much more, having been reconciled, **we shall be saved by His (indwelling) life**.

Even as a Christian, you will not always live righteously; but any sin in your life will not originate from your born again spirit. Rather, it will come from your not-yet-redeemed and still-able-to-sin mortal body. This is why you live by faith; Jesus Christ in you will live His righteous life through you.

## Live By Faith

You are saved by faith and you live by faith as well. When Jesus lived on this earth, He was sinless. But, even then He did not live from His own power; rather, He lived by faith.

At His baptism, Jesus received the Holy Spirit who lived in Him. When you trust in Jesus as your Savior, you will receive the same Holy Spirit. You will have the same power in you to live a righteous life that Jesus had in Him.

But for now, only your inner spirit is saved when you trust Jesus. Your mortal body will not be saved until a time in the future.

As a result, you will not be able to live righteously if you try to live your life by the power of your own self effort. Jesus lives in you (that is the same thing as saying the Holy Spirit lives in you). Follow the inner life of Jesus by faith. Don't trust in yourself; trust Jesus because He will lead you in righteousness.

This is what the Apostle Paul said ...

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**; and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.