

‘Born-Again-*Is*m’

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Born again is Bible-taught and a necessity for eternal salvation

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Other Bible terminology that is equivalent to “born again”

A. Resurrection from spiritual deadness

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

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

Eph 1:19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead...

B. Effectual call

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called...

1Co 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

C. A new creation

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

D. Regeneration

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;

E. Coming to Christ by the Father

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

1655 Midland Confession of Faith—Article 8

That all men until they be quickened by Christ are dead in trespasses—Ephesians 2:1; and therefore have no power of themselves to believe savingly—John 15:5. But faith is the free gift of God, and the mighty work of God in the soul, even like the rising of Christ from the dead—Ephesians 1:19. Therefore consent not with those who hold that God hath given power to all men to believe to salvation.

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Non-Christian ‘*Is*ms’

Rapid growth of cults: Mormonism, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Christian Science
America’s new religions: Narcissism, hedonism, earth worship, self-defined morality

‘Born-Again-*Is*m’

The fastest growing American ‘*Is*m’—includes over 30% of the US population
It has permeated “Bible-based” congregations like leaven in dough
Not the fault of the atheists—the news media—the far-left—the Muslims

Supposed 'Bible believers' are the source—Error has been preached as truth
Maybe it's the blind leading the blind—maybe it's a Satan-based conspiracy of deception
Cult-like zeal drives intense recruitment—The obsession infiltrates funerals and hospitals
'Born-Again-*Ism*' has become the sole-goal of Christianity

The 'Born-Again Bandwagon'

'Born again' has become the American Christian catch phrase
Politicians campaign by claiming it—Businesses capitalize by professing it
Preachers fixate on preaching it—Churches grow 'mega' by pushing it
It has become the driving force for so-called 'Christianity'

But doesn't the Bible teach that men must be born again? —Indeed, it does!!

Without the new birth—there are no Christians—there is no Christianity
Yet without God there can be no new birth—only by God alone—without means or help
Modern day Christianity takes the miracle out of the birth
In 'Born-Again-*Ism*' the impossible becomes doable—the wonder becomes commonplace
'Born-Again-*Ism*' says that men are born again as a result of something they do
'Going forward'—making a 'decision'—'accepting'—'believing'—'receiving'
Whatever the requirement—the idea is that sinful man brings about his own regeneration
The whole premise is unreasonable—unbiblical—dishonoring to God
The heresy in begging sinners to help poor, weak, 'beggar-man', 'wanna-be-Savior' Jesus

The inevitable results of the 'self-born-again' plan

'Christianity' loses all sense of reasonableness (and even its sense of being Bible-based)
Can the dead in sin raise himself from his spiritual deadness? —How dead is dead?
Can the unborn bring about his own birth? —What did you do before you were you?
Can the yet-to-be-created (yet still uncreated) do something to create itself?
'Christianity' (in its zeal to do what it cannot do) loses its sense of honesty and integrity
Any and every kind of emotional—psychological—pressure-filled inducement is used
If the appeal to faith fails—go to doubts about past faith—or fears about future fire
Highly emotional meetings—prolonged appeals—repeated choruses
Even the deceit of having 'counselors' staged to begin the move forward
Manipulate them to 'come forward'—sign a card—raise a hand—recite a prayer
Coach them into believing that God has come into their lives
(Even if there is a deep down sense that nothing really happened)
'Christianity' (in its zeal to do what it cannot do) loses its separateness from the world
It's okay to bring the ways of the world into the church—the end justifies the means
It's okay to cease to be the pillar and ground of truth—the end justifies the means
It's okay to cease to stand on God's standards—the end justifies the means
Whatever it takes to help save a soul—sacrifice all for the cause of 'Born-Again-*Ism*'

'Born-Again-*Ism*'—'Faith in my Faith'—Was it enough? —Oh, if I could be sure!

Now with some it's real—yet the system's 'unrealness' leaves the 'soul-winner' in doubt
The sinner tries to rejoice in it—yet after the show he is unsure if anything really happened
If we're honest about 'Born-Again-*Ism*'—it cries "Peace, peace, when there is no peace"

Jesus taught just the opposite of what the 'soul-winners' teach

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.

Jesus used no manipulative techniques—no emotional tug at the heart
Jesus said nothing to Nicodemus in the way of fear or faith
Jesus said nothing of any action or decision on the part of Nicodemus
Jesus said nothing of repenting—coming—accepting—praying—receiving—signing
Jesus said nothing of Nicodemus birthing himself (Nic already knew he couldn't do that)
Jesus said, "Ye must be born again"—but He said it as a matter of fact—not command
Jesus just matter-of-fact-like taught Nicodemus what God does for His children

Jesus said that the Spirit does the doing—as He pleases—when He pleases—every time
Jesus emphasized that being born again is a miraculous work of God

Other teachings by Jesus

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Joh 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

Joh 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

Joh 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Joh 10:24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

Joh 10:25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

Paul's follow-up teachings

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God...

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Rom 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

2Ti 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Eternal salvation is totally of God

Jon 2:9 ...Salvation *is* of the LORD.

Before creation—God planned it and pre-determined it

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace...

On the cross—God accomplished it and provided it

Mat 1:21 ...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

In the new birth—God gives it and applies it

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.

At the end of our lives and at the end of time—God finishes it

Luk 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
