

# The Holy Spirit Giving New Life

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## I. Introduction.

A. A person can have a new beginning.

B. Text: John 3.

## II. Being born again.

A. It has to do with something spiritual.

B. The Spirit convicts and enlightens.

C. Being born again refers to the beginning of a new life. (Titus 3)

D. Being born again is a requirement for eternal life.

1. We must be born again so we can relate to God as we were meant. (John 2:5)

2. We must be born again so that we might be prepared for heaven.

3. We cannot understand spiritual things until we are born again. The spirit must be made alive. (I Corinthians 2:14, II Corinthians 4, Ephesians 2)

E. The new birth is the experience where a person is cleansed by the Spirit after having received Christ, which initiates his new life. (II Peter 1:4)

1. To receive Christ as savior is to receive the life of God.

2. The new birth lasts forever because salvation is not by performance—it is by grace.

F. God uses His Word, the blood of Christ, and the Spirit to cause us to be born again.

### **Application questions:**

1. What does it mean to be born again?

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2. Why is being born again a requirement for salvation? Explain.

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3. How do you think being born again helps to address the question of whether we should sin after being saved? Explain.

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