

MADENEW: STUDY GUIDE

The Beginning: Born Again

Jesus answered him, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* (John 3:3)

I. God Does All the Work

- A. 1 Peter 1:3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- B. Ezekiel 36:26-27 - And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

II. It's a Mystery and that's OK

- A. John 3:8 - The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”
- B. Ephesians - 2:5 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

III. God does the work and we bear the fruit

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (2 Cor 5:17)

- A. Obedient to Christ - 1 John 3:9
- B. Protection from Satan - 1 John 4:4
- C. Love Like Jesus - 1 John 4:7
- D. Overcome the world - 1 John 5:4
- E. Fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22-3

IV. Questions:

- A. Are you Born again and is there evidence in your life?
- B. What do you think about being born again as an act of God that you brought nothing to? How does that make you feel?
- C. Are there areas where being “born again” is not evident in your life today? Is it possible to be saved and to become stagnate spiritually?