How Can I Be Born Again?

 Level 4 Lesson 21

* **Introduction**

***Joh 3:1*** *There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:*

*Joh 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.*

*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.*

* **Lesson**

The Apostle John wrote the Gospel of John. He is referred to as the ‘Beloved of the Lord.’ His gospel story contains some very unique stories. John had revelation that others did not possess. In Chapter 3 we learn that we **must** be born again! Being born again is a hard concept for our brains to understand. Nicodemus was puzzled! “I’m not getting this!”

So, what is being born again? Born again is being born of the water and of the Spirit.

 When we are born again we may:

1. **See the Kingdom of God**

2. **Enter into the Kingdom of God**

Considering those facts, we can come to the conclusion that we **must** be born again!

*Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.*

*Luke 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,*

Everything written in the first five books of the Bible (Moses Law), the Psalms, and the rest of

the Old Testament that was written about Jesus had to happen. Then Jesus touched their minds so

that they understood all of the Old Testament. Wow!!! If anyone knew what God thought, it was

the Apostles. Then, He gave them the Great Commission to let them know what He expected

them to do when He left.

*Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:*

*Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

*Luke 24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.*

Then, He told them what He would do for them in return.

*Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

He then left them to go up into heaven and guess what the Apostles did? Of course, they went to Jerusalem to tarry! (wait)

*Luke 24:50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.*

*Luke 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.*

*Luke 24:52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:*

*Luke 24:53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.*

Then, we go to the Book of Acts to continue this story. Remember, Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again.

So, who wrote the Book of Acts? Luke, the same one who wrote Luke chapter 24.

*Act 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

*Act 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

*Act 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*

*Act 1:7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.*

*Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

*Act 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

Acts chapter one is somewhat of an overview of Luke 24. These verses further explain that John the Baptist only baptized with water, but promised the birth of the Spirit for those who seek it. The promise is the power of the Holy Ghost.

***Act 2:1*** *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

*Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

*Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

*Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as theSpirit gave them utterance.*

*Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.*

*Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.*

*Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?*

*Act 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*

*Act 2:9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, andCappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,*

*Act 2:10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,*

*Act 2:11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*

*Act 2:12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?*

*Act 2:13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.*

*Act 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:*

*Act 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*

*Act 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*

*Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*

*Act 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*

These folks were born of the Spirit! All of the Apostles, Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the rest of the disciples totaling one hundred and twenty were filled with the Holy Ghost. How do we know that they were filled with the Holy Ghost?? We know we have the Holy Ghost when we speak in tongues, just like they did in the Bible!

Then Peter, the first Apostle chosen by Jesus, started preaching to the Jews which witnessed this great infilling of the Spirit. He reminded them that they had crucified the Lord. What a predicament they were in! Can you imagine being in their shoes?

*Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

*Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

*Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

*Act 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.*

*Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

*Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

Peter revealed to them how to be born again! The first day about three thousand one hundred and twenty souls were born of the water and of the Spirit. (Born again)

***1Pe 1:23*** *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

We must obey the Word of God. It doesn’t matter what Uncle says, or what Gramma says, if what they say does not line up with the Word of God, then we must obey the Word of God!

 **Summary**

How can I be Born Again? **Repent of my sins,** and then, worship the One, True God, Jesus Christ! When you have truly repented you **will** receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost, and you will know because you will (shall) speak in tongues.