

Discipleship Training Manual: Lesson 2
What Just Happened to Me? – Part 2

The Foundation of the Gospel:

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Understanding two terms:

1. **BORN AGAIN**

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

John 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.

John 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.

John 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?

John 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.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

John 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.

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John 3:3 Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God.

John 3:4 Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter his mother's womb again and be born?

John 3:5 Jesus answered, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, unless a man is born of water and [even] the Spirit, he cannot [ever] enter the kingdom of God.

John 3:6 What is born of [from] the flesh is flesh [of the physical is physical]; and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

- There is a deeper part of you than just the outward physical appearance. There is a spirit person on the inside of you.

- Natural Birth:

- “that which is born of flesh is flesh” – Your biological mother and father gave you your outward physical body and your mind.
- Your biological mother and father also passed down to you the fallen sin nature.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

- “except a man be born of water” – This refers to the water involved in the birthing process.

- Spiritual Birth:

- “that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” – Only the Holy Ghost can give you the born again experience.
- When you prayed the prayer of salvation, something supernatural happened. The Holy Spirit came inside of your spirit person and completely changed you.

2. NEW CREATION

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

- Not only did something happen to you, you became a whole new person. A new you!
- When you became a new creation, you received:
 - New appetites/internal desires
 - New moral cravings
 - A new moral compass
- As a new creation, you have a new appetite towards God. You want to:
 1. Pray
 - Talk to God
 - Get to know Him as your Father
 2. Read the Bible
 - KJV or NKJV

- Start in the New Testament! The New Testament is all about when Jesus Christ came in the earth.
- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the first books in the New Testament. The book of John is a good place to start.
- When you read the Bible, you are receiving spiritual food.
- As a new creation, you don't want to:
 1. Ignore your moral compass
 - Follow that moral compass! Listen to the part of you on the inside that says "I don't think that's right."
 - Every time you make a decision to do something right, you get stronger.

What to do if you make a mistake:

- 1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- You don't have to start all over and pray the prayer of salvation again.
 - You can pray this: "Lord, forgive me for what I just did. Help me not to do it anymore, and to follow You for the rest of my life."