

# REBORN - RESTORED

## Inductive Bible Study

### Study 1 of 2 - REBORN

**Reborn** into God's family. **Restored** to be like Christ. Join us as we explore further in this **two-part** study these works of the Spirit in us, essential for spiritual life and growth.

## REBORN

**READ** John 1:9-13 (Scripture passages at the back of the study):

- put a **cross** beside every reference to the *True Light (Jesus)* – including pronouns.
- circle every reference to *born*.

1:9 – Who was coming into the world?

1:10-11 – What do we learn about Him?

1:12 – Who does He give the right to become children of God?

1:13 – Who are those who receive Him and believe in His name?

**READ** John 2:23:3:8:

- put a **cross** beside every reference to *Jesus* (including pronouns).
- circle every reference to *born*.

2:23 – When did many believe in Jesus's name?

2:24-25 – What was Jesus's response to such miracle-based faith? Why?

3:1-2 – Who came to Jesus by night?

3:2 – What was this man's testimony about Jesus?

3:3 – How did Jesus respond to this man's testimony about Him?

**BORN AGAIN** – STRONGS 1080 & 509 (gennaō anōthen) – to regenerate (spiritually): born from above \ again.

3:4 – What kind of *rebirth* does Nicodemus think Jesus is referring to?

3:5 – Who alone does Jesus declare can enter the kingdom of God?

3:6 – Who alone can regenerate us, make us who are dead in sin spiritually alive?

3:7 – What is Nicodemus not to marvel at?

3:8 – What does Jesus compare the unseen and sovereign work of the Spirit in us to?

How then do we know if we have been born of the Spirit? In short, by our response to Jesus. The initial sign that new life has begun in us a response of repentance (turning from sin) and faith in Jesus as we hear the Good News of what He has done to save us from our sins.

**READ** 1 John 5:1:

5:1 – Who has been born of God?

**CHRIST** – The promised Saviour-King who delivers His people from sin, and death, and Satan.

**READ** John 3:16:

- put a **triangle** beside every reference to *God* (including pronouns).
- put a **box** around every reference to *believes*.

3:16 – How did God love the world?

Why?

**PERISH** – to suffer eternally God's punishment of our sins and separation from Him (2 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

**ETERNAL LIFE** – to know God and enjoy fellowship with Him now and forever (John 17:1-5; Revelation 22:1-5).

**READ** Ezekiel 36:25-27:

- put a **triangle** beside every reference to God (including pronouns).
- circle every reference to *heart / spirit*.

36:25-27 – What did God promise His people? What would be the effect?

v25 –

v26 –

v27 –

**READ** Ephesians 1:13-14:

- put a **cross** beside every reference to *him (Christ)*.
- circle every reference to the *Holy Spirit*.

**SEALED** – STRONGS 4972 (sphragizo) – to stamp with private mark for preservation, to confirm or attest a thing.

**GUARANTEE** – STRONGS 728 (arrabon) – a downpayment, i.e., part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest.

1:13 – Who are those sealed with the promised Holy Spirit (Ezekiel 36:27)?

1:14 – How is the Spirit described?

**READ** Romans 8:9,16:

- circle every reference to the *Spirit*.

8:9a – What is true of all in whom the Spirit of God dwells?

8:9b – Who does not belong to Christ?

8:16 – What does the Spirit do in us?

**READ** Galatians 4:4-7:

- put a **triangle** beside every reference to *God* (including pronouns & synonyms).
- circle the phrase *adoption as sons*.

**ADOPTION** – “by adoption the redeemed become sons and daughters of the Lord God Almighty; they are introduced into and given the privileges of God’s family.” – John Murray

**ABBA** - Aramaic word used when addressing one’s own father.

4:4-5 – Why did God send forth His Son?

4:6 – Who has God sent into the hearts of His children?

4:6 – What does the Spirit of Christ cause us to cry out to God?

4:7 – How has our relationship with God changed through faith in Jesus?

### **THINKING IT THROUGH**

- Have you been reborn into God's family?
- How do you relate to the Father – as your slave master trying to earn His favour or as His beloved child, who knows His love, and as an heir of all things?
- READ Ephesians 3:14-21 – pray this prayer for yourself and all God's people.

### **REFLECTION**

Beloved of the Father. New Creations in Christ. Citizens of heaven called to walk in newness of life. A life begun and empowered by the Spirit and of becoming like Christ. A life not perfect or free from struggle but one where victory is sure. The Spirit of Christ in us the guarantee that one day we will be fully and finally restored to His image.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

### **JOHN 1:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

### **JOHN 2:23-3:8**

<sup>23</sup> Now when he [Jesus] was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup> and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

<sup>3</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> 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."

### **1 JOHN 5:1**

<sup>5</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.

### **JOHN 3:16**

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

### **EZEKIEL 36:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> I [God] will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

**EPHESIANS 1:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> In him [Christ] you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**ROMANS 8:9,16**

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

**GALATIANS 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**EPHESIANS 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.