

Power Scriptures #2

Text: John 3:1-8

Theme: The New birth

Key Points:

1. The only way to see or enter into God's kingdom is you **MUST** be born again.
 - It doesn't matter how good or successful you are; or how sinful or corrupt you have been. All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. All are worthy of being condemned to death and hell. Our only hope is a brand new birth/ beginning in Jesus Christ. He is the only door into the kingdom of God.
2. You must be born of the water and of the Spirit.
 - To truly become a believer in Jesus is both a private thing in your heart and a public thing for all to see. What is truly in your heart comes out of your mouth and in your life. We must believe with all our heart in who Jesus is and we must make a stand publicly to follow him and be true to him. The first way we make this stand in public is by being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We say to everyone that our faith is in Jesus only, and that we want to die to sin and our old life, and follow him and be true to him until the day we die.
3. The flesh cannot enter in; we must be born of the Spirit:
 - When we are born into this world, we are the children of our parents; we are not the children of God. God is a Spirit. The only way to become his child is through a new birth, a spiritual birth, and this birth takes place in our heart.
 - Just like a woman cannot make herself get pregnant, you cannot make yourself born again. The new birth is a work of God. Only he has the seed of eternal life. Only he can plant this seed of Christ in your heart. All you can do is (like a woman) just humble yourself and open yourself up to him. Pray for HIM to wash your heart clean so that your heart can conceive new seed. Pray for him to take away all hate, bitterness, unforgiveness, uncleanness, sin, idolatry, rebellion, stubbornness, pride, etc...
 - You cannot create eternal life within yourself. You must open yourself up and receive the Gospel into your heart so that you might be born of HIS Spirit.

CONCLUSION: This new birth is an **ABSOLUTE MUST!** The flesh cannot profit you. The flesh **WILL DIE**. God is a Spirit. You need a new spirit that is born of **HIS SPIRIT**. This is **HIS** work. All we can do is **HUMBLE** ourselves and allow God to do this work within us. He moves how and when he wants. Let us just respond to **HIM**.