What Does It Mean To Be Born Again?

It is a tragedy that not many believers truly understand what the Lord Jesus, Yeshua meant when He said these words – “You must be born again.” The most common approach is to try and turn the statement on its head and make it sound good but missing the point to such an extent that it ends up quite the opposite to what our Lord Yeshua meant. Multitudes of believers all over the world have been callously deceived in this way. They are not born again and yet they firmly believe that they are. What a tragedy!

Yeshua is the Lord of heaven and earth. He owns everything. Whatever He says has full meaning physically and spiritually. He is the Power of God and the Wisdom of God. When He talks about a tree, He expects you to you know what a tree is. If you do not know what a tree is, He expects you to find out. But if you do not find out what a tree is, neither would you know what He was talking about concerning a tree.

The Lord Jesus, Yeshua, was the first to say the word ‘You must be born again.’ It was so strange a statement that Nicodemus was astonished when he heard Him say it. The Lord responded by saying, “Do not marvel that I say to you, ‘You must be born again.” John 3:7. Everyone in Israel knew what to be born or to be born of a woman meant. But to be born again was totally new to the leaders and the people of Israel.

Nicodemus actually thought he had to go back to his mother’s womb and be born all over again. His thought was so far away from the truth. If the Lord Yeshua did not correct him, he would have believed that that was what He meant. This is the case today. So many so-called believers have come with their own suggestions on the word of God. They did not compare scripture with scripture and neither have they compared spiritual things with spiritual. They simply depend on their own intellect / opinions / thoughts / interpretations. God is His Own interpreter He makes things very plain. He does not need you and I to interpret for Him. Thank you.

The statement was a mystery, yes, the mystery that was hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. Never has anyone heard this statement before because never has God appeared in the flesh before to take away the sin of the world. Yes, Yeshua God in human flesh died once and for all for our sins and rose from the dead. Never to die again!

You can now be born again! This extraordinary statement came because God was about to perform His word that He had spoken from the beginning of creation concerning human beings that will possess everlasting life, the life of the Son of God. They will be called sons of the living God, the church the body of Christ, His bride. This is a totally new thing and was going to be brought into existence for the first time from eternity. We are witnessing a miracle of miracles – A NEW CREATION!

It was through birth we got into the snare of sin and death, a sinister master plan of sin and Satan. God removed us from this evil plan by transferring us from the kingdom of Satan, the kingdom of darkness into Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of light through another birth, a new birth, a second birth to be born again into His Kingdom.
It all began when Adam sinned by disobeying the command of God and fell into transgression. We were born as descendants of Adam and inherited the sin of Adam. Therefore, everyone born of woman was:

- Born in sin
- Born separated from God
- Born an enemy of God, not by choice but by association with Adam.
- Born with Adamic nature, the nature of sin.
- Born with an earthly father.

In Hosea chapter 9 and verse 11 it says, ‘No birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!’ It is biblically true that before a birth takes place, there has to be conception, then pregnancy and then birth. As it is physically so it is spiritually. So when the Lord Yeshua said, ‘You must be born again’ He meant that of necessity there has to be a spiritual

- Conception,
- Pregnancy and finally a spiritual
- Birth.

The spiritual conception is when you repent and that is to have another mind, a new mind and to start to think like God and no more like mere men. To turn from going your own way and doing what you like. Yeshua said, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” Mark 8:34. To make a conscious decision to be willing to do what Yeshua says to you. To turn your heart toward God. This is the moment you believe in Jesus, Yeshua. To believe in Yeshua is to adhere to Him. Repentance is for the mind as belief is for the heart. One is attached to the other and they both head in same direction. If you repent, you believe. If you believe, you repent.

The Lord Yeshua said, ‘Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.’ Then He said again, ‘ Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.’ Also, He said, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.’ This is because the new creation is all about being born; this is a spiritual birth that follows the same format as the physical birth. For birth to take place at all, there has to be conception. Hence to repent is the same as to be conceived and unless you are conceived you could not go on to be baptised in order to be born again. It is when you repent that you could be baptised in order to be born into the Kingdom of God. When you repent / believe, this is when you become qualified to be born again. Repentance does not mean born again just as conception does not mean birth.

No repentance / believe in the Lord Yeshua, you will not qualify for the second birth to take place which is through the water of baptism.

If you dared to baptise without repentance / believe in the Lord Yeshua, you’ve just had a soapless wash. You have not been born again.

When Philip preached to the Ethiopian eunuch, the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptised?” Acts 8:36. Then Philip said to him, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ Acts 8:37. And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

No amount of prayer will result in you being born again without conception (repentance / belief) and the actual birth
(baptism). No matter how many time you put your hands up and be counted to be born again, you will NEVER, EVER, EVER be born again that way.

On the Day of Pentecost after the disciples of Yeshua have been baptised with the Holy Spirit, apostle Peter preached the gospel and the people responded, ‘Men and brethren, what shall do?’ Acts 2:37 and in verse 37 apostle Peter said to them, ‘Repent and let everyone of you be baptised in (into) the Name of Yeshua haMashiach for the remission (forgiveness) of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’ **Our dear apostle Peter did not ask the people to put up their hands and then announced to them that they are born again. He did not even ask or command that they should pray to God to be saved. Why, because the Lord Yeshua did not teach His disciples that that was the way to get saved, that is, born again.**

In the parable of the lost coin that was found, the Lord Yeshua said, ‘Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’ Luke 15:10.

As surely as conception will result in a birth of a child so also repentance will surely result in the birth of a child of God. That is why the angels rejoice in heaven over one sinner that repents (is conceived). When they are finally born again, their names are written in the Book of life. Your name will be written in the Book of life when you are born again and not when you repent or believe.

You will never be allowed to register your conception as birth anywhere in the world. Why? Because conception is conception and birth is birth. The church in the early days never made such horrific mistakes as we make today. Today, anything goes unnoticed and unchecked. The reason being that there are many denominations. This is also a master plan of Satan from the beginning to keep believers in their divisional stance. “Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, Let everyone who names the name of the Lord (Christ) depart from iniquity.” 2 Timothy 2:19.

**Pregnancy** is the duration between conception and the birth of a child. In human term, it is 9months or thereabout. Spiritually, however, it is between now and the end of that day when you repent / believe in the Lord Yeshua. ‘Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.’ 2 Corinthians 6:2. It is only in these days that believers are told they have to bear fruit of repentance before they are baptised. Such fallacy does not appear in the Bible. To bear fruit of repentance will take some considerable length of time, which you haven’t got in order to get someone saved. Surely, no fire officer will demand anyone in danger of being destroyed by fire to first prove his or her competence in fire drill before being carried to safety. The truth is that many people are asked to go to baptismal class before they qualify for baptism. You will not find that written anywhere in the bible. It goes to show that so many today have no idea of the urgency of salvation. When God said, “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in day of salvation I have helped you.” Then apostle Paul who had the revelation from God concerning when and how you are to be saved said, “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:2. Now and not tomorrow is the day of salvation. In case of the Philippian jailer when he believed, he and his household were baptised in the same hour of the night, which was the midnight hour. Paul and Silas did not even wait till the morning before baptising the jailer. Acts 16:23 to34.
If the fire fighters have to break the speed limit everywhere they go in order to save people in danger of quenchable fire, how fast should we be to baptise believers to save people from an unquenchable fire? Unless of course we do not understand what baptism means.

**Birth** in human term this is when the baby inside its mother’s womb comes out. When the water breaks the child is born. In spiritual term, to be born again, you have to go back into the water and be covered totally in it in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This is the **baptism** in water that now saves you also. 1 Peter 3:21. This is when you are born of the Spirit and baptised into the body of Yeshua, that is, added to the body of Christ. If you have not been baptised in water into the Name of Yeshua, you are not a member of the body of Christ Jesus. ‘For by one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free – and have all been made to drink (into) one Spirit.’ 1 Corinthians 12:13 and Acts 2:41.

**Why Water?** First of all, God brought the whole earth out of water by His word. Secondly, water is involved in both the physical and spiritual birth and Yeshua commanded that it must be done that way. As it is written, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” “Then God said, ‘Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear’; and it was so.” Genesis 1:1,2 and 9. We all came out of water from our mothers and that was where sin got into our souls right from the physical conception. For sin to be removed according to the principle of God, you have to go back inside the water again for the Lord Yeshua to remove the sin from your soul so that you may be born again by the Holy Spirit.

You came into the world with sin. God does not expect you leave with your sins. All you have got is your lifetime to claim forgiveness of sins by being born again today. You cannot afford not to be born again today. Jesus said, “What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his own soul?” Matthew 16:26. A lost soul is a soul that does not return to God when the spirit of the person goes back to God. The reason being that person did not claim forgiveness of sins (not baptised, not born again) while alive in the body.

Baptism is the transfer from the position of danger to the place of safety, that is, from darkness to light, from the kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of God. It is the transfer from the power of Satan to God. The transfer involves birth, a new birth. The first transfer you and I had was the transfer from our mothers’ womb into the kingdom of this world, which is the same as the kingdom of darkness. Our second birth or being born again takes us from this kingdom of darkness to God’s Kingdom, the kingdom of light.

Time is of the essence. As soon as you repent / believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, you qualify for baptism immediately. You MUST make haste to be baptised because it is both serious and urgent. It was God in human flesh, Yeshua haMashiach that died for your sins and was raised for your justification, not an angel. It is also a command to do it and to do it immediately!

**What are the benefits for being born again?**
• You are born in sin, you can be born again without sin. Psalm 51:5, 1 Corinthians 5:17
• You are born separated from God, you can be born again reconciled to God. Colossians 1:21
• You are born an enemy of God, you are born again a child of God forever. Romans 5:10, John 1:12,13
• You are born with Adamic nature, you are born again with the nature of God. Ephesians 2:3, 2 Peter 1:4
• You are born with an earthly father, you are born again with a heavenly Father. Hebrews 12:9.

When you are born again, you are in Christ Jesus you have got everlasting life and have become a new creation. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing / reckoning / counting their trespasses to them and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:17 to 19.

On the laying on of hands of men of God, the Lord Yeshua will baptise you with the Holy Spirit. This when you receive power to witness to the Lord Yeshua in word and in deed. You will also be able to speak in new tongues. The Lord Yeshua said, “And these signs will follow those who believe; In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;” Mark 16:17.

All those who are born again have everlasting life. This means you have the life of the Son of God in you. As such, you have power to change any known situation and even to command sickness, pain, disease etc out of your body. As you have everlasting life, you are like the Son of God and your body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:13.

You are like Christ Jesus on this earth and are expected to live like Him. “…as He is, so are we in this world.” 1 John 4:17.

As soon as you are born again, you must know the three things that the Lord Yeshua would desire for you to know.

They are:

• Willingness to do the will of the Lord Yeshua.
• Obedience to the Lord Yeshua and
• Humility before God and men.

The singular most important thing in heaven and on earth for you in your life as a believer in the Lord Yeshua is to do the will of God.

You will find the will of God in the word of God as you read your Bible daily. For the will of God is the word of God and the word of God is the will of God.
You will have to be disciplined and consistent in this aspect of your walk with the Lord Yeshua.