

HOLY SPIRIT
BETTER THAN BRAND NEW
John 3:1-8

Our first birth is completely natural. The second birth is the work of the Holy Spirit.

When you are born again, Satan is kicked off the throne of your life and is replaced by Christ. St. Paul said, "If any person is in Christ, he or she is a new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17).

"NOW THERE WAS A PHARISEE, A MAN NAMED NICODEMUS WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE JEWISH RULING COUNCIL. HE CAME TO JESUS AT NIGHT..." (John 3:1-2).

Nicodemus came to see Jesus at night because it would have been politically embarrassing for him to be seen with Jesus in broad daylight.

JESUS SAID, "VERY TRULY I TELL YOU, NO ONE CAN SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNLESS THEY ARE BORN AGAIN" (John 3:3).

Our first birth- the natural one- makes us children of Adam, and this means that we are tainted with sin, deserving of God's wrath" (Eph. 2:1-3).

"VERY TRULY I TELL YOU, NO ONE CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNLESS THEY ARE BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT" (John 3:5).

The Holy Spirit is the obstetrician of new births.

Though you cannot make new birth happen, you can place yourself in the bulls-eye of God's grace by taking these three steps:

1. Admit to God that you are a sinner.
2. Believe that when Jesus died on the cross he paid the penalty for your sin.
3. In gratitude, invite the living Christ-Spirit to rule your life.

Jesus assured us that "he who comes to me I will not turn away" (John 6:37).