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The New Birth

Have you ever wondered what Christians mean when they say “I am a born-again Christian”? The Bible has a lot to say about this phenomenon. It is clearly a vital element of the Gospel message. Can you receive eternal life without it?

Opening prayer: Gracious Heavenly Father, we are learning so much from the scriptures, Your holy word. Guide us into an understanding of the new birth that You desire us to have. Soften our hearts to hear this exciting message. Thank You, in the name of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is the new birth, what is the part of the Divine and what part do we play? What is the result?

1. *John 3:3-6* “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be _____, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 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? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of _____ and of the _____, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”
2. *1 Peter 1:22-23* “Seeing ye have purified your souls in _____ the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye _____ one another with a _____ heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the _____ of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”
3. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18* “Therefore if any man be _____, he is a _____ creature: _____ things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of _____, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.”
4. *Ezekiel 36:24-28* “For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be _____: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A _____ heart also will I give you, and a new _____ will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put _____ spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall _____ my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be _____ people, and I will be your God.”
5. *Ephesians 5:26-27* “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the _____ of water by the _____, that he might present it to himself a _____ church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be _____ and without _____.”
6. *Revelation 22:14* “_____ are they that _____ his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may _____ in through the gates into the city.”

7. *1 Corinthians 6:9-11* "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall ___ inherit the kingdom of God? Be not _____: neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And ___ were some of you: but ye are _____, but ye are _____, but ye are _____ in the name of Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

8. *1 John 3:2-3* "Beloved, now are we the _____ of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be _____ him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this _____ in him purifieth himself, even as he is _____"

9. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* "But I would not have you to be _____, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye _____ not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which _____ in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the _____ of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the _____ himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the _____ in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are _____ and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we _____ be with the Lord. Wherefore _____ one another with these words."

10. *1 Corinthians 15:50-53* "Now this I say, brethren, that _____ and blood _____ inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption _____ incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be _____, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible _____ put on incorruption, and this mortal _____ put on immortality."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the ___ birth comprises the entire change necessary to ___ us for the kingdom of God, and consists of ___ parts: First, a moral change wrought by conversion and a _____, second, a _____ change at the second coming of Christ, whereby, if dead, we are _____ incorruptible, and if _____, are changed to immortality in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

two / raised / living / fit / Christian life / physical / new

Closing prayer: Our kind Heavenly Father, we so want this new birth experience in our lives! We want to put away that which is offensive to You and Your kingdom, and receive a new heart. One that rejoices in doing Your will and following Your good ways. The promises of this study are exciting and we believe that You can wash us and make us clean, leaving old ways behind. Prepare us for Your kingdom, O God, through the grace and power found in the life, death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, in His name we pray, amen.

Further Study: Daniel 12:13; John 5:28-29

Answers: 1. born again, water, Spirit 2. obeying, love, pure, word 3. in Christ, new, old, God 4. clean, new, spirit, my, keep, my 5. washing, word, glorious, holy, blemish 6. Blessed, do, enter 7. Not, deceived, such, washed, sanctified, justified 8. sons, like, hope, pure 9. ignorant, sorrow, sleep, word, Lord, dead, alive, ever, comfort 10. flesh, cannot, inherit, changed, must, must