

"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BORN AGAIN?"

This is also called the **NEW BIRTH**.

In the old testament, there **never** was eternal security ... proof? David prayed that God wouldn't take the Holy Spirit from him (<u>Psalm 51:11</u>); Saul lost God's Spirit (<u>1 Samuel 16:14</u>); ands so did Samson (<u>Judges 16:20</u>).

God's Spirit would come and go in these saints (<u>Isaiah 63:11</u>; <u>Nehemiah 9:20</u>; <u>1 Peter 1:11</u>) ... but **never** permanently indwell ... as a Christian has today.

Now the reason why the Holy Spirit could **not** abide or indwell the bodies of old testament saints, was because their **souls were stuck to the their flesh**.

When an old testament saint's flesh sinned ... **his soul sinned** (<u>Leviticus 22:4-6</u>) ... and God's Spirit left the body.

Now today, if you are saved, your **soul has been cut loose from the body** (<u>Colossians</u> 2:11), such that the Holy Ghost ... the permanent in dwelling of the Holy Spirit ... does not come into contact with your flesh (<u>Romans 7:17-18</u>).

All this shows that an unsaved man today ... without the new birth ... that is born again ... is part of his sins (<u>Revelation 22:15</u>) ... and is therefore **called by the name of his sin** (<u>1</u> <u>Corinthians 6:9</u>).

Christians can sin everyone of the sins mentioned in Ephesians (<u>Ephesians 5:1-4,5-8,9-12</u>) ... and those in Revelation (<u>Revelation 21:8</u>).

Now we note that a saved man, a Christian, is **not** a liar, adulterer or murderer ... **but his flesh is!**

So the **new birth** is the **spiritual circumcision** which **cuts the soul away from the flesh** ... which means the real you is **not** responsible for your flesh sins (<u>Romans 6:15-18</u>).

Now the fleshy commits the works of the flesh (<u>Galatians 5:19-21</u>) ... and you will reap what you sow (<u>1 Corinthians 11:27-30,31</u>) ... but these can **not** affect your salvation in any way shape or form ... that's right Folks ... **once saved always saved!**

But in the old testament they could lose their salvation.

And this is the simplest explanation to explain the new birth. Go back and study this teaching again and again ... till it becomes clear to you Dear Reader.

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