

**BORN OF WATER, BORN AGAIN**

**John 3:5-7**

v5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (**for this present day, this was 2,000 years ago with John’s water baptism**) and of the Spirit (**2,000 years later to “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ” Acts 16:32**), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

v6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh (**John**); and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (**Paul**).

v7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (**1Peter 1:23**)

This best explained against the background of the following:

*And I knew him not: but he that sent **me (John the Baptist) to baptize with water**, the same said unto me, Upon whom (Christ) thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him (Christ), the same is he (**Christ**) which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. John 1:33*

**John** had a gospel of **water baptism for the remission of sins**.

**Paul** has the waterless gospel of **Spirit baptism for the redemption of sins**, for the unsaved in the modern church age of 2,000 years.

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5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.	
<i>5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be <b>born of water</b></i>	This is John’s water baptism of Luke 3:3 <i>“And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the <b>baptism of repentance for the remission of sins:</b>”</i>
<i>and <b>of the Spirit,</b></i>	This is Spirit baptism. Christians have been baptised by or with ( <b>not in</b> ) the Spirit into Christ who is the kingdom of God (1Cor 12:13)
<i>he cannot enter into <b>the kingdom of God.</b></i>	We can as Christians. Nicodemus couldn’t. The best he could hope for was Abraham’s bosom. But after the cross, he could enter the kingdom of God. The only way for a Jew to enter the kingdom of God was via the kingdom of heaven which then gave him the right to go to Abraham’s bosom on death.
<i>6 That which is <b>born of the flesh is flesh;</b></i>	John’s baptism was that of the flesh which only gave remission of sins. <i>And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the <b>baptism of repentance</b> (water) for the <b>remission of sins</b> (not redemption); Luke 3:3</i>

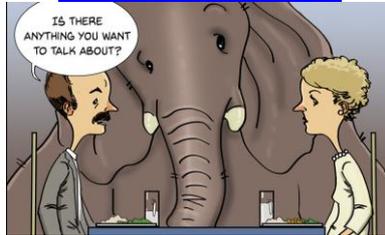
<p>and that <b>which is born of the Spirit is spirit.</b></p>	<p>This is the Christian (1Cor 12:13)</p>
<p>7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, <b>Ye must be born again.</b></p>	<p>Jesus says "Of course Nicodemus, to enter the kingdom of God, you <b>first</b> must be born (<b>NOT BORN AGAIN! 1Peter 1:23</b>) of John's water baptism, then you can go to Abraham's bosom on death, and then I'll collect you and take you into heaven where the kingdom of God is. Then you will be <b>born again and see and enter the kingdom of God</b></p>

Christ when talking to Nicodemus, it is a space of time that happened over 2,000 years ago from Abraham's bosom to believing on the Lord Jesus Christ ([Acts 16:31](#)).

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