



Sermon Notes

1Peter 1:22-2:3 "Born Again"

The basis for the process of finding wholeness in a broken world is being born again. When you are born again you...see the invisible...hear the inaudible...expect the impossible & experience joy inexpressible because you are finally alive to the empowering presence of the living God.

Why We Need To Be Born Again: Because...

- 1) It is not an option but essential to being a Christian.
John 3:1-8; John 4:13-14
- 2) It is not just forgiveness of sins but a new life. Eph2:4-5; John10:10; 2Cor5:17
- 3) It is a new life with a supernaturally transformed heart.
Ezek36:26-27; 2Pet1:4; Gal2:20

What It Means To Be Born Again:

- 1) It is a distinct event that is over but its effects continue on.
v3 He has caused us to be born again, v23 "... you have been born again ..."
John1:12-13; James1:18
- 2) It is becoming partakers of God's divine nature (power). V23 born again, not of imperishable seed imperishable... 2Pet1:3-4
- 3) It is a supernatural ability to see & experience the Kingdom of God. John3:3, 5; 1Cor2:14-16 Born Again results: Believe that Jesus is the Christ (1Jn5:1), cannot go on sinning (1Jn3:9), will have greater capacity to love others (1Jn4:7), overcome the temptations of the world (1Jn5:3-4) & be kept from ultimate harm from the evil one (1Jn4:4). Also, fruit of the Spirit will be more and more evident (Gal6:22-23). Neither Jesus nor Paul nor John point to activity in the church or miracles as evidence of being born again (Matt7:15-20, 22-23).
- 4) It is the Spirit of God working through the Word of God in the hearts of the people of God. v23 through the living and abiding word of God v25 And this word is the good news that was preached to you 1Thess1:5, 9

Growing Notes

- 1) When have you felt like you wanted to start life all over again? What does it mean to be born again? What evidence do you think a person will have who is born again? How might being born again give you greater ability to find wholeness in a broken world?
- 2) Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:3. What stands out to you from this text? How is being born again not an option but essential to being a Christian (John 3:1-8; John 4:13-14)? Why is it important to know that being born again is not just forgiveness of sins but a new life (Eph2:4-5; John10:10; 2Cor5:17)?
- 3) What is the difference between a morally restrained will and a supernaturally transformed heart (Ezek36:26-27; 2Pet1:4; Gal2:20)? What do you think it means that being born again is being a partaker of God's divine nature (v23; 2 Peter 1:3-4)? Being born again is supernatural ability to see & experience the Kingdom of God (John3:3, 5; 1Cor2:14-16). Explain.
- 4) What will be the results of being born again according to John (1John3:9, 4:4, 7, 5:1, 3-4) & Paul (Gal6:22-23)? Why do you think neither Jesus nor Paul nor John point to activity in the church or miracles as evidence of being born again (Matt7:15-20, 22-23)? What significant role does the Word of God & the Spirit of God play in our being born again and how do we know we've been born again (vv23, 25; 1Thess1:5, 9)? Praise God for this New Life!