

# The Ark Christian Ministry Center

## Bible Study Course: Part One "Definition of Being "Born Again"

**What does it mean to be "Born Again"?** First let us look at our condition, at the time we are born. In Genesis 1:26a, "**Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness...**"

In this verse "God is mentioned in the plural sense, showing that although God is one, he is also three: Father, Son (Jesus/Logos) and Holy Spirit or Ghost. This is known as the "Godhead". We being made in the image of God are also one and three.

Deuteronomy 6:5 states, "**You shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart (Spirit), with all your soul (mind /free will) and with all your might (body).**" Just as God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are spirit, soul and body.

When the first man Adam was put in charge of the Garden of Eden, God gave him one law. "**Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man saying,**" Of every tree in the garden you may eat; but of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat of it you shall surly die". When Adam ate of the fruit, did he die that day? Is God a liar? Of course not! His body did not die that day, but his spirit did. The only part of man that can fellowship with God and truly worship Him. John 4:23 reads, "**But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the father in Spirit and truth; for God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth**".

All mankind is born with this "dead" spirit. Lost and totally separated from the God that loves them. This dead spirit motivates us to do everything our own way, including good Christian stuff. And our own way cannot please God. (See the story of Cain & Abel in Genesis 4:1-15)

Now what mankind needs is a new spirit or to be "Born Again". There is a law in Leviticus 17:11 of the Bible that reads, "**For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is in the blood that makes atonement for the soul**".

All through the Old Testament, and in secular cultures, people sacrificed animals to appease their Gods or in the case of the Hebrews to pay for their sins. But this was just a covering of sin, not a total forgiveness. They needed a pure and sinless sacrifice to heal the dead spirit and to cleanse us of our past, present and future sin. In Hebrews 9:22, which says, "**And according to the law almost all things are purged (cleansed) with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no remission (forgiveness) of sins**".

God knew from the beginning He would have to come down and be that pure sacrifice Himself. Jesus the Son part of God came down to earth to live among His beloved creation, man.

**"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"**. At this time Jesus was offered as the blood sacrifice for all mankind's sin.

{Also read Luke 22:20, John 6:54, Acts 20:28, Romans 3:25, 5:9, Ephesians 1:7, 2:13, Colossians 1:19-20, Hebrews 10:19 and 1 Peter 1:17-19}

This is the answer to mankind's problem of separation from God. Jesus Said, "You **must be Born Again**" as recorded in John 3:1-8, a must. When Nicodemus asked Jesus how could he be born again Jesus answered in John 3:5-7, "**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**".

We see here that being "Born Again" means to be born by the Spirit of God, which gives us a new, spirit that can fellowship and worship God as we were meant to do. 2 Corinthians 5:17 reads, "Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away: behold all things have become new**". The receive this new birth, Read and pray the prayer in **Psalms chapter 51** trusting in the Lord to forgive you. Then let us know of your decision so we can help you in your new walk with the Lord.

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Part 1 Course Test

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- 1) In whose image are we created? \_\_\_\_\_ Were found in Bible?  
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- 2) Name the three persons of the Godhead. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3) Name the three parts of a person. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) What law was broken in the garden of Eden?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Why did God give Adam that one law?
  - a) Because He likes to boss humans around.
  - b) Because He knows that if we do not trust Him to obey Him, then we can not love and fellowship with Him.
  - c) Because He does not want Humans to have any fun.
- 6) When Adam ate the fruit, what part of him died? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) From this action what is all mankind born with? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) What type of offering must be given to cleanse us of our sinful nature? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) What offerings were given in the Old Testament times? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) What is the New Testament Offering? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) After we have received this New Testament atonement are we still separated from God?  
yes or No (circle)

10) After we have been Born Again is there anything in our past that the Lord will hold against us? \_\_\_\_\_

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