

JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Born Again





True Story

A man came bursting into Brigham Young's office, crutches flying. He only had one leg, and he shouted, "Now, Mr. Prophet, I want you to give me another leg this instant. Otherwise, I will publish it abroad that you are not a prophet at all."

President Young told him that would be easy enough, but that consequences would result. The Prophet explained that if he gave him another leg, it would rise with him in the resurrection - as would the other two legs. That meant the man would have to deal with three legs for all eternity.

The man left shortly later.



John 3

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that

Joseph Smith: It is one thing to see the kingdom of God, and another thing to enter into it. We must have a change of heart to see the kingdom of God, and subscribe to the articles of adoption to enter therein... (Teachings, p. 328)

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he

And whoso cometh unto me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, him will I baptize with fire and with the Holy Ghost, even as the Lamanites, because of their faith in me at the time of their conversion, *were baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and they knew it not* (3Nephi 9:20)

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, *but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth*: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

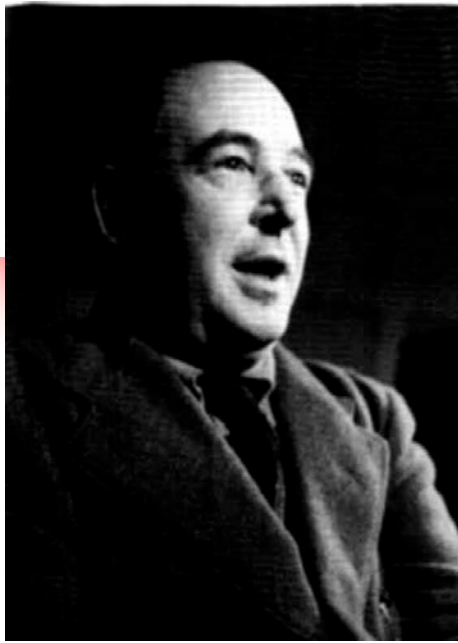
President Benson

"When you choose to follow Christ, you choose to be changed. 'No man,' said President David O. McKay, 'can sincerely resolve to apply to his daily life the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth without sensing a change in his own nature. The phrase 'born again' has a deeper significance than many people attach to it. This changed feeling may be indescribable, but it is real.'

"Can human hearts be changed? Why, of course! It happens every day in the great missionary work of the Church. It is one of the most widespread of Christ's modern miracles. If it hasn't happened to you-it should.

"Our Lord told Nicodemus that 'except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God' . Of these words President Spencer W. Kimball said, 'This is the simple total answer to the weightiest of all questions.... To gain eternal life there must be a rebirth, a transformation.

"President McKay said that Christ called for 'an entire revolution' of Nicodemus's 'inner man.' 'His manner of thinking, feeling, and acting with reference to spiritual things would have to undergo a fundamental and permanent change.' (CR April 1960, p. 26.)" (*The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson* [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1988], 77.)



C.S. Lewis

Christ, here and now, in that very room where you are saying your prayers, is doing things to you.

It is not a question of a good man who died two thousand years ago.

It is a living Man, still as much a man as you, and still as much God as He was when He created the world, really coming *and interfering with your old self*;

killing the old natural self in you and replacing it with the kind of self He has. At first, only for moments. Then for longer periods.

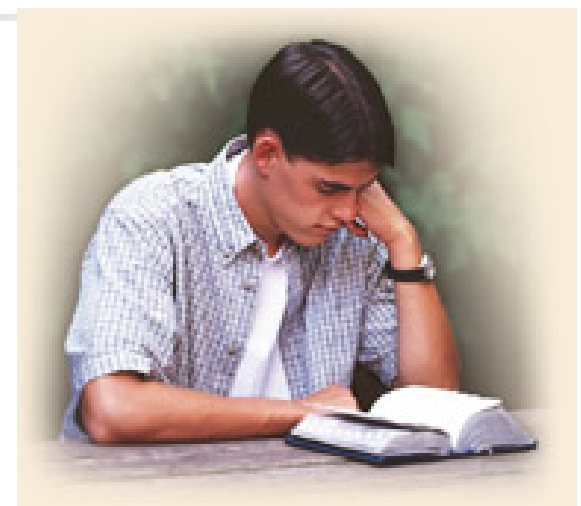
Finally, if all goes well, turning you permanently into a different sort of thing; into...a being which, in its own small way, has the same kind of life as God; which shares His power, joy, knowledge and eternity.

(Mere Christianity, p. 164)

Have you been born again?

Indicators from the Book of Mormon

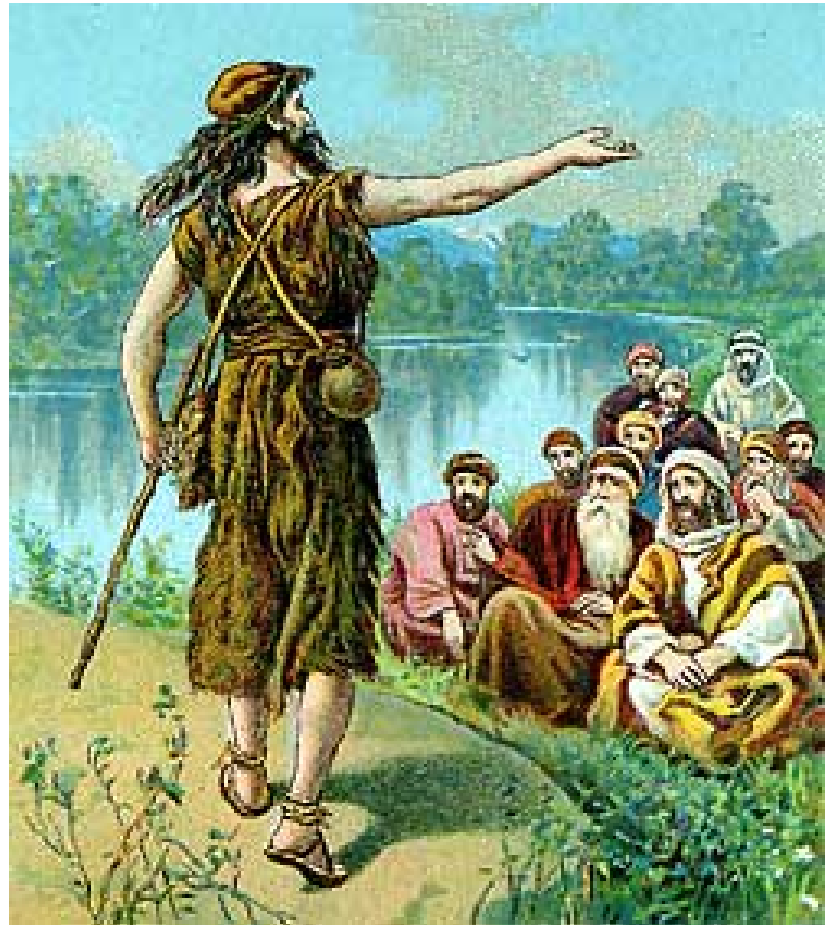
- 1- Peace of Conscience
- 2- A feeling of Joy and Gratitude
- 3- We have no desire to do evil
- 4- Feeling of charity towards others
- 5- Increased spiritual understanding
- 6- Having the image of God "engraven upon our countenances" (Brother Brent Box, BYU Devotional)





He must increase

John 3:25-30





Question:



**How do you
react to
the success
of others?**

The Woman at the Well

John 4

