



RBM's AFRICAN BIBLE COLLEGE (ABC) CERTIFICATION

LESSON 1

You must be Born Again! What does this mean?

Many pastors do not know what being *born again* means. This lesson will inform you of what being *born of the Spirit* means, so you will be able to accurately teach others.

What is reborn when someone is “born again”? _____

Answer: Nothing is being “re”born because it is a “New” Birth **not** a rebirth.

What is born in you at the New birth? Your spirit, soul, or neither? _____

Answer: *Neither* your spirit nor soul is reborn at the new birth. The “*new man*” called “*the hidden man of the heart*” or “*Christ in you*” is what is born in you at the new birth. This is called being *born again*.

What happens to your soul when Christ is born in you as the new man or the hidden man of the heart? Is your soul reborn? Yes or No?

Answer: No. The born again believer’s soul is **not reborn**. The gospel believer’s soul is **redeemed** by the blood of Jesus and **regenerated** back to life in the Spirit. (1 Peter 1:18; Titus 3:5) As it is written, since “*we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*” (Galatians 5:25)

What about our flesh? Is our flesh “born again” or born of God? Yes or no.

Answer: No. Our flesh cannot be born again or born of God because Jesus said, “*That which is born of flesh is (or remains) flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is (or remains) spirit.*” (John 3:6)

How can you tell if you are “born of God” which means “born again”? The test is found in 1st John 3:9. “*Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*”

- “Whoever is born of God does not commit sin....” Well, do you sin? If you do this means that you are not born of God.
- “Whoever is born of God cannot sin....” If a person is born of God they cannot sin. Do you sin? If you do then you are not born again meaning you are not born of God.
- Look at 1 John 3:8, “Whosoever commits sin is of the devil....” Do you commit sin? If you commit sin then you are of who? If you are of Satan can you go to heaven? No!

Explain these 2 verses? Who is born in you that make you God’s adopted child.

Answer: The only part of you that is born of God and does not and cannot sin is “*Christ in you*” the only person ever born of God. That which is born of flesh is flesh and Romans 7:25 says the flesh serves the Law of sin and is of its father the devil. Now read Romans 8:9.