

GOD Talk # 17

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Born Again – Part 1

The Faith which GOD Has Given to us, when exercised, establishes a Pleasing Relationship with Him. (Eph 1:3-9; Phil 2:12-13) Continuous exercising of Faith brings us into a Communion with GOD, Causing us to become Sanctified, or Holy. Furthermore, being “Born Again” is the Completion of our Faith, in which we allow The SPIRIT Of GOD to Guide our actions, Thereby Effectuating a Spiritual Metamorphosis within us. In other words, we adopt an Attitude whereby we allow GOD’s SPIRIT to Transform us from being **self centered**, to being **GOD Centered**. We summarily conclude that **His Will** for our lives should have pre-eminence over our own will. It is the conscious decision to trust **Him** with our destiny and with our security.

In The Holy Bible, JESUS Teaches us: “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” (Jn 3:3) Also: “**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.**” (Jn 3:5, 6) Therefore, being “born again” is not a choice of religion, it is our **willful Entering In** to the Destiny which Almighty GOD Has Purposed for us. It is a decidedly conscious **decision** to Live In Communion With GOD. It requires a continuous mental Attitude (mindset) to Maintain a **Oneness With Him**.

Let’s take a look at these concepts from a somewhat more metaphysical point of view. If we conclude that Divine Creation is an axiom, it presupposes that GOD Had a Desire to Bring Forth beings like unto Himself. This fact is documented in Scripture. (Gen 1:26) That is, we were Created in Their Image and Likeness (GOD Is A Triune Being), as Their Sacred Children, to be Sanctified by His Presence (singular, because the three Persons Of GOD Are One In SPIRIT And Purpose), and to have dominion over the natural world. He Has Given the First Man (Adam) a wife as a companion and a mate. Consequently, we Were Given The Ability to create children (in a natural intimate expression of Love). As It Is GOD’s Desire to Nurture and Bless His Creation, so it is our desire to Love and nurture our own children. (Lu 12:32; Eph 1:3-14; Php 2:12-13) Please take a few moments to meditate on these Truths.

Also, please consider this discourse by Dr. Edward DeVries: “God's very name implies His triune existence. The Hebrew name for God

used in all known manuscripts is ELOHIM, so Genesis 1:1 could read, "In the beginning ELOHIM created the heaven and the earth." The word ELOHIM means three in one. The word ELOHIM has both a singular and a plural usage in Hebrew, uniquely; the two usages are always simultaneous. The word ELOHIM can never be used in the plural form without implying the singular and vice-versa. Note also, that all Hebrew letters have a numeric value; all Hebrew words also have value. ELOHIM is an interesting word in that it has two values, three and one. It is no wonder that when God, ELOHIM, said in Genesis 1:26, "And God said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after our likeness," He then created man to be a triune being. Just as He Is Composed of three subdivisions, so is man. Man is composed of a body, a soul, and a spirit. We all know man to be one being, not three, in spite of his triune composition. The body is separate from the soul which is separate from the spirit; however they still make one man."

For more on this subject by Dr. Devries, read "Doctrine of the Trinity" in its entirety online at: <http://www.biblebelievers.com/Devries2.html>