



## Part 1 — BORN AGAIN

Acts 2:37-38 *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

1. People can know a lot about God but not have a personal relationship with Him.
  - A. The fan syndrome: having photos, articles, clothing, etc. about a star but not knowing that individual on a personal level. (Matthew 7:22 *Lord, Lord, didn't we do all these things?*)
2. We can also have a second-hand knowledge of God. Jesus, however, always brings it to a personal level.
  - A. Matthew 16:13-20 ... *“But Who do you say I am?”...*
3. To know God we must be born again by God's Holy Spirit.
  - A. John 3:3 *Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. (from above)”*
  - B. John 17:3 *Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*
4. What did Christ do to secure salvation for us?
  - A. 2 Corinthians 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
5. What is the result of salvation?
  - A. Ezekiel 36:26-27 *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh*

*and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.*

- B. 2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*
  - C. 1 Peter 1:3-5 *...In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade...*
6. What must I do to be saved?
    - A. Believe in our heart and confess with our mouth the reality of our condition and the Reality of who He is. (Romans 10:9-10)
    - B. Turn from our ways (sin, etc.) and turn the will to control our life over to Him. (Acts 2:38). Be filled with the Holy Spirit!
    - C. Begin to live your life with a focus towards the things of God. (Philippians 1:21, for me to live is Christ)
  7. A prayer (Romans 10:9-10, 13) *Dear Jesus, I'm a sinner and I need Your forgiveness for going my own way. I believe that you died on the cross for me and I believe that you rose from the grave in victory! I invite You to come into my life as my personal Savior. Take away my sin and be the Lord of my life. Fill me with your Holy Spirit so that I can serve you with my whole heart! Amen*
  8. Important steps after you receive Christ
    - A. Be filled with (receive) the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8; 2:38-39)
    - B. Be baptized water. (Romans 1:16).
    - C. Develop a life of daily prayer. (Philippians 4:6-7; 1 John 5:14)
    - D. Develop a life of daily Bible reading and study (Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 2:2).
    - E. Regularly attend church (2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 10:25).
    - F. Find out where you can serve Christ and His Church (Ephesians 4:16).
    - G. Develop Christian relationships (Proverbs 27:17).
    - H. Share your new faith with friends and family (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).