

## **The Road of Romans**

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Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God. In John 3:3 Jesus had a man named Nicodemus, who was a ruler of the Jews, come to him by night and spoke with Him. The first thing Jesus says is John 3:3...What does it mean to be born again? Why must we be born again...and how? Nicodemus had the exact same questions and we shall explore those questions and find answers to the ultimate question...how to obtain Salvation.

The first question we will explore is...Why? Why do I need to be born again? That comes down to the first two humans God created, Adam and Eve. In Genesis chapter 3 we read of the Fall of Man. God placed them in the Garden of Eden and told them to eat of every tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Eve was deceived by the serpent and ate of the tree. When she seen that it was good for food and was pleasant to the eyes she gave it to Adam and he also did eat. Since they disobeyed God he cursed them....In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. From that point on Sin plagued man.....and death entered into the world.

Since there is sin and we are sinners, every one will one day die..... and you will be judged for your sins and no one will escape it.

And as it is **appointed unto men once to die**, but **after this the judgment**:  
**Hebrews 9:27**

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and **death by sin**; and so death passed upon **all men**, for that **all have sinned**:  
**Romans 5:12**

As it is written, There is **none righteous, no, not one**:  
**Romans 3:10**

For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;  
**Romans 3:23**

For the wages of sin **is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Romans 6:23**

So...since we know that we are all sinners, God is Holy and Righteous, and God can not allow sin in His presence....what does that mean for the sinners? Jesus said in John 3:3 Except a man be born again, **he cannot see the kingdom of God**. So anyone not born again will be judged and go to Hell. This is a consequence of our sins.

But some might say, "I am a good person and I try my best to live right". The Bible states...

They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable, **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**

**Romans 3:12**

Alas, there still is hope....Jesus said Except a man be born again.....so what does it mean to be born again?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water and of 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.**

**John 3:5-6**

Now we know now that a man must be born again, and to be *born of water and of the Spirit*. We also know that which is born of the Spirit is spirit, and that Spirit is Jesus Christ, and in Romans 6:23 it states but the **gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**. Lets look at some other Scripture....

But not as the offence, so also **is the free gift**. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the **grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ**, hath abounded unto many.

**Romans 5:15**

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the **obedience of one shall many be made righteous.**

**Romans 5:19**

That as sin that reigned unto death, even so **might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Romans 5:21**

Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

**John 14:6**

We must be born again through Jesus Christ to see the kingdom of God and be saved from the Wrath of God. This then brings up another question....How can we be born again?

Even the righteous of God **which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all** and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

**Romans 3:22**

Being justified freely by his grace through the **redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

**Romans 3:24**

For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

**Romans 5:6**

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us.**

**Romans 5:8**

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation **through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

**Romans 3:25**

For by grace are ye saved **through faith**; and that **not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**

**Ephesians 2:8**

For whosoever shall **call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

**Romans 10:13**

**That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him form the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

**For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

**Romans 10:9-10**

The verses explain it all...we must confess our sins and believe Jesus Christ died for us and that He rose from the grave. Christ came to the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved(John 3:17). Jesus was God in the flesh (John 10:30, Colossians 2:9, 1 John 5:7-8), Sinless and Holy, but He died on the cross for you and me...and it is a gift. We just have to accept the gift and believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Saviour. He died for our sins so that we might have an atonement and be able to enter the kingdom of God. We are not able to do it alone...we need Jesus. Confess your sins and accept Christ in your heart. Believe in His sacrifice, burial, and resurrection. It is the free Gift of God! Then you will have a new man and the Holy Spirit will dwell in you.

**That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.**

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**John 3:15-16**

**And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**

**Mark 1:15**

**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

If you choose not too.....then you will be judged for your sins and God will not allow sin into heaven...and the only way to be redeemed is through Christ's sacrifice.

**There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves shall thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.**  
**Luke 13:28-30**

**So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**  
**Matthew 13:49-50**

**I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish.**  
**Luke 13:5**