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The Sweetness of Spiritual Birth

Being born again of the Spirit of God is a grand and wonderful thing for the child of God. It has been the blunt of many a question, erroneous conclusions, and wrongful means of being accomplished for many a year. However, it really is simple. It is the work of The Spirit, and only of the Spirit of God.

Nicodemus wondered, pondered, and rolled it over in his mind, concerning the means of being born again, even to the point that he responded to words spoken by our Lord by saying, **“How can these things be?”** (John 3:9). Being born of the Spirit of God, or being Quickened, is not the great fan-fare that many have proclaimed. Rather, it is exactly as spoken of by Christ Himself, **“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.”** (John 3:8). We must notice the clarity of the words of Christ, **“so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”** It means what it says, and says what it means.

God does not share His glory or His work with anyone else. The work of the Spirit (New Birth) is simply that, it is the work of the Spirit in the heart of one of God’s children in which we are passive. If not, then man could claim that Salvation is due to his own works, and not the work of the grace of God. When one realizes that the love of God is in their heart, then it is evidence that the work of the Spirit has already been done by the grace of God and ALL of the glory belongs to the Lord.

Don’t confuse the call to convert to righteous walk or the gospel call with the New Birth. The Love of God in our heart is the result of His love for us. I John 4:19 says, **“We love him, because he first loved us.”** We can only love God after He has manifested His love for us, to us in the New Birth. Today is a good day to say Thank You to **“...God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us...”** (Ephesians 2:4). ***“Think About It!”***