

Born Again – New Life in Jesus

What is a “Born Again” Christian?

What is a Metaphor? *met·a·phor* – **noun** a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable.

John 3:1-17

Born Again - The word translated as 'again' is ἀνωθεν (anōthen), which could mean either 'again', and/or 'from above'. "Or Both" Jesus uses a multi-meaning word on purpose to show the depth of meaning. Our Salvation is our entering into a New Life (being Born Again) that is from God and God Alone.

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I live differently when I believe in and follow Jesus.

So how is one "Born Again from Above?" John 3:9-15

*A Tale of Fiery Snakes, Snake on a Stick,
the Innocent Son of God Crucified, Jesus taking our Sin upon himself, Looking and Living.*

Numbers 21:4-9

Moses lifts up a bronze serpent on a Stick. When the People Looked at it brought Forgiveness and Healing

In a Similar Fashion - Metaphorically

Jesus Took the sins of all those bitten by the Serpent of Sin onto himself and was lifted up on the Cross

So that Anyone who Looked to him for Forgiveness and Healing Would find it.

Any person who has put their faith and trust in Jesus' Life, Death - Crucifixion, and Resurrection is "born again" into the Family of God. They have chosen to enter into a "New Life" that is * Given by God * Based on Jesus Life, Death, Resurrection * Led by the Holy Spirit.

For God So Loved the World that He Gave His only Son that Whoever Believes in Him Would Not Perish but have Everlasting Life. John 3:16

What Being Born Again isn't -

1. A special club of Elite "Christians"
2. Perfect People condemning others
3. A Political Party or Nationalism
4. Hating anyone for any reason
5. Treating anyone as anything less than a Creation of God who is loved by God.

What Being Born Again is -

1. God's grace given to everyone who asks
2. A New Way of Living by Following Jesus

3. Loving God and Loving Others
4. Exhibiting the Fruit of the Spirit
5. Sharing light and kindness and love