

Born Again or Quickened?

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Answer? Quicken!

Born again

Being born again is an ecumenical phrase /title which has absolutely no meaning to anyone today. Based on scriptures, it does not mean one is saved today, even if they claim it does.

In fact, one could actually prove that those who learn and claim to use ‘born again’ are ‘probably’ not even saved, even if they simply want to use the words ‘born again’ from their local church teachings – no matter what denomination (including Baptist, of course)

Actually, it is a phrase that is very appropriate because it fits the gospel crowd today as their pastors preach the OT and gospels and Tribulation doctrine from Hebrews to Jude. Born again is a phrase used to and for the Jews during the OT/Gospels and will again use it during the Tribulation – but NOT today towards anyone, Jews or Gentiles!

See the following verses:

John 3:3,7; I Peter 1:23; I John 3:9; 2:27-29; 3:4,3:7-11; 3:22-24

Have you heard those comments from your pastor in ‘your’ church? From your friends and family? Oh ya!

(PS – those gift books of “*Promises of God*” are mostly old testament promises to the Jews, by the way!)

Israel’s life with God was based on THEIR faith (**Habakkuk 2:45**), not the faith of Jesus Christ that we do today (**Ephesians 3:12; Galatians 3:11; 2:26; 2:20**)

Quicken

A. Definitions:

- Primarily, to make alive; to vivify; to revive or resuscitate, as from death or an inanimate state.
- To make alive in a spiritual sense
- To hasten; to accelerate; as, to quicken motion, speed or flight.
- To sharpen; to give keener perception to; to stimulate; to incite; as, to quicken desires, etc.
- To revive; to cheer; to reinvigorate; to refresh by new supplies of comfort and grace.

B. Old Testament use of the word quicken:

- Their being quickened was based on THEIR righteousness and obedience.
- They try to make a deal with God in order to be quickened.
- They are often begging to be quickened because of their afflictions, etc.
- They are often praising God so He will quicken them.
- It is always God's decision to whether someone is quickened or not.
- *(the word quicken was never used in the way Paul uses / defines it)*

Paul uses the word Quicken from the Risen Saviour to Gentiles/Us!

We go from being 'dead in trespasses and sins,' 'dead in sins' to 'dead to sin' – we are saved because we are quickened. We go from being dead to being alive. We are not 'born again' – we are made alive from being dead. Being 'born again' would only make us 'born again,' but still dead in trespasses and sins, etc. Scriptures shows us how we are changed!

- **Romans 8:10,11** - *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*
- **Ephesians 2:1** - *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*
- **Ephesians 2:4,5** - *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*
- **Colossians 2:13** - *And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*

Christ is the one who quickens us – **I Corinthians 15:45** - *And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*

We don't have to beg to be quickened; we don't have to praise God to be quickened; we don't have to make any deals with God in order to be quickened; we don't have to live right, confess sins, etc. in order to be quickened; God doesn't pick who He quickens or not!

Ephesians 1:12-14 - *That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted³ in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

Romans 10:9-11 - *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

If we are quickened – we are personally saved.

If we claim to be born again – that is not a claim to personal salvation.

II. Scriptural Study of the Word 'Quicken'

Psalm 71:20

Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Psalm 80:18

So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

Psalm 119:25

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

Psalm 119:37

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Psalm 119:40

Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

Psalm 119:88

Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

Psalm 119:107

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

Psalm 119:149

Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.

Psalm 119:154

Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

Psalm 119:156

Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

Psalm 119:159

Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

Psalm 143:11

Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Romans 8:11

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Quickened**Psalm 119:50**

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

Psalm 119:93

I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

I Corinthians 15:36

Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

Ephesians 2:1

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Ephesians 2:5

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Colossians 2:13

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

I Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Quickeneth**John 5:21**

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

John 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Romans 4:17

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him I whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

I Timothy 6:13

I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

Quickening

I Corinthians 15:45

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Born Again?

John 3:3

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.

John 3:7

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

I Peter 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Born of God

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I John 3:9

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

I John 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

I John 5:1

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

I John 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

I John 5:18

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.