

There's an unusual and vitally important conversation recorded for us in the Bible between Jesus and a man called "Nicodemus."

Let's give Nicodemus the shorter name of, "Nic".



Nic was an important man, who was prominently wealthy and sat on what we might call the Supreme Court of his day, the Jewish Ruling Council. Most of his fellow Jewish leaders saw Jesus as just another trouble-making itinerant teacher, who was gathering followers for

himself as he traveled through the country. But for reasons we can learn about later, Nic saw Jesus differently and wanted to meet him privately to learn more about what he was teaching.

Some reasonable speculating tells us that even though he had great wealth and was highly educated for his day, Nic sensed Jesus held the answer to his discontentment with life. Yet like many of us he feared what others would think of him if he, a well respected man of the Law, was seen consulting with a wandering teacher who challenged the status quo of their religious beliefs and systems, and who was disliked by his fellow peers! He then decided to go to Jesus at night when there was little chance he would be seen.

Nic's plan worked for he had an enlightening conversation with Jesus who surprised him big time! Nic told Jesus he personally believed him to be a teacher sent by God. From here on I'll give you just the high-

lights of the story, and you can read the rest later for yourself.

During their conversation, Jesus pointedly told Nic, *"I'm telling you the truth. No one can see the Kingdom of God unless they are born again."*

That was a pretty shocking statement, wasn't it? I'm sure Nic was initially stunned like you or I would be if we had been there in his place. After recovering his wits, I can almost hear him quizzically ask, *"How can someone be born when they are old? Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"*

Jesus explained he was talking about a **second** kind of birth: Just like a physical man made it possible for Nic to be born into this physical world, similarly he has to be "born again" a second time. But this time he would be born into GOD's spiritual world *by the Spirit (who is part of the God-head), which would place him in God's family as one of His Children!* This is how we all become "born again" and connected to God as our Heavenly Father. Now how awesome is that?!

You're going to want to read the rest of the story for yourself in [John 3:1-21](#). It's not long but is full of good info. Then start digging into your How-to book, the Bible—a must study to better understand who God is and how to grow strong in your new life as a Child of God. If you don't know where to start, we selected the below verses to help you gain a good foundation in your faith ↓ ↓ ↓

IMPORTANT: The Bible tells us before Jesus died and rose again, He made it very clear that *"To see the Kingdom of God, you must be born again."*

This tells us it's critical we know for sure what that means, doesn't it? Based on the story we see here and other scriptures, we've broken it down into an easier to understand 3-step process: We first "hear", understand and believe the Good News of what Jesus did to give us new life. The Holy Spirit then "convicts" us of our sin that stands between us and God, which leads us to "repent" of our sin nature so we can develop a relationship with Christ. The below scriptures give more info about those 3 Steps and how to grow. We highly recommend you find and mark them in your Bible.

We also wish you well in your journey with Christ, and pray you grow stronger every day in your Spiritual Life!

What Jesus called being "Born Again" is a process that starts with "hearing" that Christ loves you and me, and came to save us from our sin nature, which brings "conviction" that leads to "repentance" and new life. He gives us hope!

Q What does the "Born Again" life look like, according to the Bible? We also hear this process being called, "Growing in Christ" (like a newborn to adulthood), "Growing in the Faith", "the Christian walk", and similar. Read more →



A In their own way a new believer usually wants to tell others what they've just experienced: [Rom 10:9](#); [Luke 8:21](#); [John 1:12, 16:7-8](#); [Rom 10:9](#) Then we can see them developing a desire for and living out their new found Faith.

FYI: These scriptures link to [biblegateway.com](#), in the translation many Bible scholars agree is most reliable, NASB:

- **New way of life** [2 Cor 5:17](#); [Phil 3:13-14](#)
- **Righteousness** [1 Jhn 2:29, 3:9](#); [Heb 12:11](#)
- **"Fruit of the Spirit"** [Jhn 15:5](#); [Gal 5:22-23](#)
- **Perseverance** [Heb 10:36, 12:1-2](#); [Jms 1:2-4, 12](#); [2 Thess 3:13](#); [Gal 6:9](#); [Rom 5:3-5](#); [Rev 3:11](#)
- **Love Others** [1 Jhn 4:7](#); [Gal 5:13-14](#)
- **Comforts/Encourages** [Heb 10:24-25](#); [3:13](#); [2 Cor 1:3-4](#); [1 Thess 5:11](#); [1:Pet 5:2-3](#)
- **Read, Study & Applies the Word** [Matt 4:4](#); [Pet 2:2](#); [II Tim 3:16-17](#); [Ps 119:9-12](#); [Heb 4:12](#)
- **Effective Prayer Life:** [Matt 26:41](#); [Luke 18:1](#); [Phil 4:6-7](#); [Eph 6:18](#); [Prov 15:29](#); [Heb 4:15-16](#)
- **Continued Growth:** [2 Pet 1:4-11](#); [3:18](#); [1 Pet 2:2](#); [Col 3:16](#); [1 Tim 4:15](#); [Eph 4:15](#); [1 Cor 13:11](#); [Col 2:6-7, 3:9-10](#); [Heb 6:1-2](#)

"For you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." Ephesians 5:8-10