

| NT Occurrences of the Concept | Evidences of Being Born Again of God | |
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| <p>Although the term "born again" is not always used, the concept of rebirth, re-creation and new life occurs throughout the New Testament. It speaks of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - being born again by the great mercy of God (1 Pet 1:3) - being born again of the imperishable seed, the word of God (1 Pet 1:22-23) - God bringing us forth by the word of truth (James 1:18) - the washing of regeneration - renewing by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5) - being made alive together with Christ (Eph 2:4-5) - having died with Christ, being raised to walk in newness of life (Rom 6:4) - receiving the spirit of adoption as sons of God, crying out "Abba, Father " (Rom 8:15) - young believers being infants in Christ (1 Cor 3:1-2; Heb 5:12-14) - being a new person who is being created in the likeness of God in righteousness (Eph 4:22-24; Col 3:10) - being made a new creation in Christ (2 Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15) - serving in newness of the Spirit (Rom 7:6) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The one who is born of God <u>is like the wind; he has become a new creature and this is made evident by the resulting effects</u> (John 3:8; 2 Cor 5:17) 2. The one who is born of God <u>believes that:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus is the Messiah - Jesus is the Son of God - Jesus has come in the flesh and he <u>loves:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Father - Jesus, the Son born of the Father - others born of God (1 John 5:1,5; 3:14; 4:2; John 8:42) 3. The one who is born of God <u>overcomes, by his faith, the world that lies in the power of the devil</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he loves neither the world nor its things - God in him is greater than the evil one who is in the world - he does God's will (1 John 5:4, 19; 2:15, 17; 4:4) 4. The one who is born of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is in the Spirit; the flesh is no longer the sphere in which he lives and acts (Rom 8:9) - he still has the flesh but isn't under the dominion of the flesh, he's free from the law of sin and death (Gal 5:16-17; Rom 8:12-13) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The one who is born of God <u>deals with his sin according to the word of God. He knows</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that he is not sinless - that he has Jesus Christ as an Advocate with the Father <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if he <u>sins</u>, he confesses his sins → he is <u>forgiven</u> and <u>cleansed</u> = aorist tense = occurrence by occurrence (1 John 1:8-10; 2:1) 6. No one who is born of God: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>sins</u> → <u>practices sin</u> = present tense = ongoing continuous action - being born of God, he <u>cannot</u> - God's seed remains / dwells in him - Jesus Christ keeps him - he has been created in God, in righteousness and holiness of truth - he has a new heart and new spirit within - he has been given the Spirit of God - he is being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ (1 John 5:18; 3:9; Eph 4:24; Col 3:10; Eze 36:26-27; Rom 8:29) 7. The one who is born of God <u>practices righteousness because he is righteous</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - this is how he makes himself obvious as being born of God - his doing confirms his being (1 John 2:29; 3:7; 3:10) |