

Daily Devotion For October 14, 2021

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are **born again**." John 3:3

Today, October 14, 2021 is my Spiritual birthday. It was 46 years ago today that I invited Jesus into my life and was "**born again**". Some people think that they are Christians because they go to church or because their family members attended church. That was what I thought. Growing up in church, I missed the message that being a Christian was not about church or religion but about having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In John 3 we see Nicodemus who was a very important religious leader who knew and studied the Old Testament Law coming to Jesus at night. Jesus pointed out to him that no one can have life in the kingdom of God without being **born again**. Nicodemus was perplexed and asked, "How can someone be born when they are old?", "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born?" Nicodemus wasn't being sarcastic, but sounds almost excited as if longing for a second chance. Yet, Jesus is offering Nicodemus exactly that. A new start, a new beginning, a new life. Our God is a God of second chances.

The Spirit of God moved in Nicodemus and he received Jesus by faith. Later, he and Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus after his crucifixion and gave him a proper burial. (John 19:38-42).

**Thought For Today:** Have you been born again? Is the Christian faith to you a religion or a relationship? Have you invited Christ into your heart by faith and know that you will be with Jesus in the kingdom of God?

**Today' Prayer Focus:** If you have been born again, take time to thank God for his Amazing Love and Amazing Grace that gave you new life through a personal relationship with Jesus. Continue to pray this week's prayer Fuel. Deo Volente.