

50 Commands of Christ - 12 - (#42-43)

42. Be born again—*John 3:7*

Nicodemus was skeptical about being born again and asked Jesus how this could take place. Jesus patiently explained what he meant in John 3:5-21. How would you describe what it means to be born again to someone?

How did Jesus expect Nicodemus to know about the “new birth” from the Old Testament? (*Jeremiah 31:33, Ezekiel 11:19, 36:25-27*)

Is it necessary to be born again to enter the Kingdom of God? (*John 3:5*)

Is it possible to be born again without Jesus Christ? (*Acts 4:12, Romans 6:23, 1 John 5:11-12*)

Why is it necessary to be born again and thereby receive salvation? (*Romans 3:23, Isaiah 53:6, 59:2, Psalm 53:3, Romans 6:23*)

Why are some spiritual truths often hard to understand? What are some spiritual truths that you struggle with? How do you seek answers for your questions?

43. Await my return—*Matthew 24:42-44*

Why do Christians need to watch for Jesus’ return and be ready? After all, aren’t we already saved?

How does Jesus illustrate the necessity of being ready for his return?

If a non-Christian looked at your life could he accuse you of not believing in the imminent return of Jesus Christ?

How can we have a sense of expectation about the return of Christ?

If Jesus returned to earth while you were on your way home from this Bible study, would you like him to wait a) a few minutes, b) a few days, c) a few months, or d) longer for you to get your affairs in order and prepare to meet with him?

What things would you need (or like) to do in order to be totally prepared to meet Jesus today? Why have you not done them?