

FORGIVENESS IS ONLY ONE BREATH AWAY

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The God Breathed New Birth

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A biblical explanation of the New Birth as revealed in Holy Scripture. I've been ask many times how does God go about changing a man's heart. The answer is simple but the actual act of it is supernatural. Only God can do that and it happens instantaneously. Only God can change a man's heart! Simply, Jesus moves in and takes up residence.

"If any man has not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His" Rom. 8:9.

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" Rom. 8:9.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" John 1:12

Now, you may ask, "Pastor, how is the new birth brought about?" The Holy Spirit takes the Word, the written Word, and the Word of God and opens the penitents heart and illuminates his mind revealing to him his awful condition; He puts within that lost persons heart a desire, a longing after Christ, and He the Holy Spirit lifts up Jesus Christ pointing to Him. He then moves into his soul, his heart and indwells him welding Himself to his spirit, the human spirit, makes His abode. Man becomes the Temple of God. O, you didn't know man was a spirit? "God is a Spirit" and infuses Himself to the human Spirit, "Seals Himself" becoming an unbreakable Union. There Jesus Christ becomes to that man Faith and Repentance. Our faith and repentance, no, no! He is our Faith and our Repentance personified! Faith and Repentance is His and gifted to you and me in Jesus. The Holy Spirit by His entrance opens the sinner's eyes to see a loving gracious God. He sees that the Lord God is merciful, gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. He hears a voice in his innermost soul, "I will . . . be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy" Ex. 33:19. The sinner is made to rest wholly and completely upon the Word of God and the shed blood of the Son of God as his only hope and foundation for his plea for mercy. Then he sees the light of the glorious gospel of God in the face of Jesus Christ Rom. 3:5; 2 Cor. 4:6. He sees all of his sins laid on Christ. He beholds the Lamb of God taking away his sin. Here God immediately turns his weakness into strength; here God ends the "bondage to fear," because his heart is sealed fast in the Lord. Here he finds peace with God Rom 5:1; because the love of God is shed abroad in his heart, and his only praise is, "Thank you, Lord, for dying for such a sinner as I; thank you, Lord, for penetrating my heart and giving me the power to become your son in Jesus Christ." We never get over thanking the Lord for dying for us, for being buried and rising. "Why did God choose me? Why did the Holy Spirit call me out? Why did He open my heart? Why did He move into my life?" As I said earlier it is supernatural, it is instantaneous, and it is all His doing plus nothing minus nothing. It is what He called being "Born again."

The New Birth is simply “One Breath Away” it is Christ’s life breath into the sinner.

God breathed into you, life at your first birth and He breathes into the sinner “His” life at his Second Birth. Salvation is entirely the work of God alone! It is being made a partaker of His life. Rom. 5:10; 2 Cor. 13:5; Gal. 2:20.