

VERSES ON SPIRITUAL BIRTH¹

John 1:12-13 12 ... To all who did receive [Jesus], who believed into his name, he gave the right to become children of God,² 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the desire of man, but of God.

John 3:3-8 3 ... Truly, truly, I [Jesus] say to you [Nicodemus], unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus said to him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again. 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Galatians 4:23-29 23 ... The son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically. These women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. She is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia. She corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written, Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear. Break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband. 28 Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.

1 Peter 1:23 23 ... You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God....

1 John 2:29 29 If you know that he [the Father] is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him [the Father].

1 John 3:9 9 Everyone who has been born from God does not keep practicing sin, because his seed abides in him. And he is not able to keep sinning, because he has been born from God.

1 John 4:7 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.³

1 John 5:4 4 ... Everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

¹ Born again, regeneration.

² Everyone who is born of God become a child of God, without exception.

³ This seems to be a two-step process. To love as God loves, we must first be born of God (phase one). Then we must know God (phase two).

1 John 5:18 18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he [Jesus] who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.