

**#1038 The Latter Rain of the Cross, with the Holy Spirit – Except a man be born of Water (which is much about the cross of the believer) and of the Spirit (which is much about the cross of Jesus Christ), he cannot enter the Kingdom of God**

**Key Understanding:** When analyzing John 3:5, being born of the spirit is much about the cross that Jesus bore, and being born of water is much about the cross of the believer.



*John 3:3-8 (KJV) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot SEE the kingdom of God.***

*4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*

*5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be BORN OF WATER** [which is much about the cross of the believer, meaning the leading of and watering of the believer by the Holy Spirit so as to carry his own cross and follow Jesus Christ] **and OF THE SPIRIT** [which is much about accepting the work done by Jesus Christ on the cross], **he cannot ENTER into 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 Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.***

*8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

**The cross of the believer.** The believer is to allow the Holy Spirit to water him, which is how the believer is led to carry his own cross. The nature of the carrying of one's own cross is to be chosen by the Lord, not the believer. Through submission to the Holy Spirit, the believer is led into proper *cross*-carrying. The cross of the believer will eventually entail the believer realizing that his kingdom is a heavenly kingdom that is not of this world, and will remove him from patriotic *sword*-bearing church/state "One Nation Under God" false doctrines that entwine him with the kingdoms of this world.

Being born of the spirit is much about the cross that Jesus bore (background),

while being born of water is much about the cross of the believer (foreground)



**Washed by the cross, twice.** Essentially, the true believer is washed by the cross *twice*. He must be washed by the knowledge and acceptance of (i) Jesus

Christ's work on the cross, and drawn by the Holy Spirit to become born "*of the spirit.*" Then, ***afterwards*** – ***which is why the Lord associates it with latter rain*** – the believer must be willing to be washed by (ii) the carrying of his own cross, a born "*of water*" washing – a *latter rain* washing – that must be led by the Holy Spirit, lest the believer substitute his own fleshly works.

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