

**#1040 The Latter Rain of the Cross, with the Holy Spirit – Being “born of water” constitutes the Latter Rain of the Cross, which is how one enters into the Kingdom of God, the definition of which entails being drawn out of such sword-carrying false doctrines as “One Nation Under God,” to be seated in a cross-carrying heavenly kingdom not of this world**

Again, while the Pentecostals emphasize a Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit, it comes essentially without the implementation of the believer’s own cross. Thus, it is a Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit, without the Cross, which in the Lord’s eyes is *no latter rain*. Instead, however, the Lord designed for the Church a Latter Rain of the Cross, with the Holy Spirit, clarified by John 3:5. A man must be born *of water* and *of the spirit* to enter the kingdom of God.

**Key Understanding:** *Carry your cross. In short, unless the Lord desires to make certain exceptions, a man can count on not entering the kingdom of God unless he follows after Jesus Christ and carries his own cross. Being “born of water” constitutes the Latter Rain of the Cross, which is how one enters into the Kingdom of God, the definition of which entails being drawn out of such sword-carrying false doctrines as “One Nation Under God,” to be seated in a cross-carrying heavenly kingdom not of this world.*

*Matthew 16:24 (KJV) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **IF ANY MAN WILL COME AFTER ME, let him deny himself, and TAKE UP HIS CROSS, and follow me.***

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)



*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*, which means following the watering of the Holy Spirit so as to carry one’s 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.

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