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Have You Been Born Again?

John 1:12-13
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I. You Must Receive Jesus (v. 12a)

- A. Are you willing to _____ Jesus in? (Jn. 6:21)
- B. Are you willing to _____ Jesus as being from the Father?
(Jn. 5:43)
- C. Are you willing to _____ Jesus as a gift from heaven?
(Jn. 3:27; 6:50-58)

II. You Must Believe in His Name (v. 12b)

- A. Do you believe what the _____ teach about Jesus? (Jn. 2:22; 20:9)
- B. Do you believe in the _____ of Christ? (Jn. 3:16)
- C. Do you believe in a way that leads to _____? (Jn. 3:36)
- D. Do you believe in a way that shows total _____? (Jn. 6:40)

III. You Must Be Given the Right to Become a Child of God (v. 12 c)

- A. This is a _____ that only God can give (Eph. 2:8-9)
- B. This is a _____ that only God possesses (Jn. 10:27-29)
- C. This is an _____ that only God can do (1 Jn. 3:1-2)

IV. You Must Be Born Again (v. 13)

- A. Not of _____ (Lk. 3:8; Rom. 9:6-8; Gal. 3:28-29)
- B. Nor of the will of the _____ (Rom. 9:16-21)
- C. Nor of the will of _____ (Jn. 3:6-8; Titus 3:5)
- D. But only by the _____ of God (Jn. 6:44; 65; 15:16)

TAKE HOME

- Have you received Christ as He is on His _____ and according to His conditions?
- Do you believe in a way that shows _____ trust in God on a daily basis?
- Have you truly been born again in a way that clearly _____ you are a child of God?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 1:12-13. Talk about the time you first heard the term born again. What did you think? What do you think most people in our culture think about this term?

2. Read John 6:19-21; 5:42-44; and 3:27. What aspect of “receiving” does each passage give?

3. Read Rom. 11:17-21. What does it mean to be grafted in? What is the relationship between John. 1:11 and John 1:12-13. How does the Romans 11 passage help us see the blessing of being grafted in?

4. Read John 2:22; 20:9; 3:16; 3:36; and 6:40. How does each passage help us understand an aspect of “believing?” What do you think is the most misunderstood aspect of “believing?”

5. Read Eph. 2:8-9; Jn. 10:27-29; and 1 Jn. 3:1-2. How do all these passages highlight the idea of being given the right to become a child of God?

6. Read Luke 3:8; Rom 9:16-21; Titus 3:5; and Jn. 6:44. What do these passages teach us about being born again?

7. Which one of the take home questions challenges or encourages you the most? Why?

To be born again is, as it were, to enter upon a new existence, to have a new mind, a new heart, new views, new principles, new tastes, new affections, new likings, new dislikings, new fears, new joys, new sorrows, new love to things once hated, new hatred to things once loved, new thoughts of God, and ourselves, and the world, and the life to come, and salvation.”

- J.C. Ryle