

## BORN OF GOD

**1John 5:4** *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

The Lord Jesus Christ gave birth to us and is our Father. Many children can have one father, but one child cannot have many fathers. Right here we see the necessity of believing in one God alone, and not a Trinity. God supernaturally revealed to Isaiah the fatherhood of Jesus Christ 700 years prior to the word being made flesh in Israel:

**Isaiah 9:6** *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

To overcome the world, one must be able to prove that one's spiritual "Y-chromosome", so to speak, comes from the Lord Jesus Christ (Y stands for *Yeshua* ☺ ). The new birth through Jesus Christ gives us power to overcome the world. Consider this story in *Mosaicscience.com* (2018)<sup>1</sup>:

*In 2007, a middle-aged British man shot and killed his wife. He was declared mentally incapacitated, convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to hospital care. Two years later, he was diagnosed with Huntington's disease – an inherited condition that damages nerve cells in the brain, causing both mental and physical deterioration until finally proving fatal – which may have contributed to his diminished mental state at the time of the shooting.*

*The man made it clear to his doctors and social workers that he did not want his daughters to know about his Huntington's diagnosis. He said he did not want to distress them further after the trauma he had caused by killing their mother. But around the time of the diagnosis, one of his daughters became pregnant.*

Ultimately, all human defects and sin were the result of the curse on our first parents – Adam and Eve. The poor man with Huntington's appears helpless to fight the genes of his parents which condemned him to commit the murder. "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come" (Romans 5:14). Such is the condition of being born of Adam. The opposite is true when one is born of God – when Jesus becomes your father.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://mosaicscience.com/story/right-to-know-doctor-patient-confidentiality-law-ethics-genetic-testing/>

***Galatians 5:22*** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,  
***Galatians 5:23*** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Why wait and gamble to see what terrible natural and spiritual diseases we have inherited from Adam and Eve? It is more sensible to renounce our first parents and be born of God. You can do this through baptism in Jesus name. “Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised” (Joshua 5:5). Those born in the wilderness were not circumcised; the wilderness represents rebellion and the abode of unclean spirits (Matthew 12:43-45). To be born of God is to be circumcised in Jesus name and bury the sinful, rebellious nature in the wilderness, as they did the foreskins in Joshua’s day.

***Colossians 2:11*** In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:  
***Colossians 2:12*** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.  
***Colossians 2:13*** And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.

Those born of God are compared to fish, according to Jesus. “And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). Consider the salmon! Those born of God swim upstream against the current of the world. Dead fish do not resist the current – they are carried along helplessly. Sometimes, like the salmon, we can jump a few meters in the air in our determination to reach our place of birth – our father, Jesus, infuses new power and strength into us as we swim upstream against the current of sin in this world.

***John 1:12*** 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.

Intriguingly, the salmon are born in freshwater, leave for the salty ocean, and return to spawn in freshwater again – in the same place of their birth. The Christian, too, knows who gave birth to him or her: the Lord Jesus Christ. We may travel out into the ocean of the world, but we certainly know the location of him who gave birth to us – we have an inbuilt homing device that brings us back to him.

***John 10:27*** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

We cannot explain or describe our first birth; neither can we explain the second birth. 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 (John 3:8).

But one can feel and know the new birth. Just as we know when a child is born, we will easily know when a child is born into the kingdom of Jesus Christ. The child will demonstrate the character of his/her father Jesus Christ. In the same way that fathers of this world receive and proudly accept the congratulations of well-wishers, angels in heaven congratulate the proud father, Jesus Christ, when a child is born of God.

***Luke 15:10*** Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Finally, the new birth exempts us from the judgement of God. The Apostle Paul was about to be whipped by the Greek captain in Jerusalem when he mentioned his Roman birthright. This shocked the captain and the exchange below is instructive:

***Act 22:28*** And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born.

The captain paid a handsome sum to become a Roman, Paul was born free. Some people pay huge sums of money to be set free from one single, addictive habit, such as alcohol. They pay a small fortune in rehab hoping to kick the habit. Why not come to Jesus and be born again of him – you will kill the old man with his sinful habits and become a new man.

***John 8:36*** If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

In summary, to be born of God is to understand that the one God, Jesus Christ, is the Father who gave birth to us. Just as no human has had two fathers, the same applies in the spiritual world. Secondly, to be born of God is to have power to resist this world and swim upstream against the tide of sin. In order to become children of Jesus, we must give up our Adamic inheritance through circumcision which is baptism in Jesus name (Acts 2:38). The new birth is a mysterious, inexplicable process, but the effects are clearly discernible by all. Finally, we are exempted from divine judgment and punishment through the new birth. May Jesus Christ become your father today!