

Be definite by a sincere act of will:

1. Turn absolutely from the past.
2. Believe on God's Son Jesus Christ with your whole heart.
3. Receive Him into your entire being; confess Him as your own indwelling Saviour and Lord.

This is the act of cooperation God requires of you. He will then by His Spirit give you birth into His family. This is the only way you can be born again. From that moment onward you may not go back to live your life all over again. It must be understood that it is precisely that old life with which you must part in order to have the new. Jesus Christ will now live in you and do His Father's will through you. This is that new and eternal life that God will give you.

Maybe in the past you have given promises, made decisions, and vowed vows to be different. God is not unmindful of them all, but by

themselves they will not be of any use. Man cannot give himself birth or life. Not the greatest amount of sincere trying can do that. Believe God now. Receive God's Son, Jesus Christ, right into your own self and God will do the rest. Life - eternal life - is a gift.

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The Bible says:

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."  
(Romans 6:23)

"But as many received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:12)

Jesus says, "My Father which gave them to me is greater than all: and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand." (John 10:29)



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Eternal spiritual life is as much a gift as natural life is. So Jesus Christ says, "You must be born again." There is no alternative. How can a man believe he must be born naturally and yet not believe he must also be born spiritually? The man in the Bible to whom Jesus said, "You must be born again" never questioned the necessity of it, nor did he imagine there was any alternative to it. He was only baffled as to the possibility of it. He did not say "Why?" but "How?" Is there an enlightened soul anywhere on earth who will deny that he also needs a new life - not just a different, reformed, amended life, but an altogether new one?

## Life is a Gift

God sent Jesus Christ into this world to meet that need. He says, "I have come that you may have life," plainly implying that man has not begun to live until he receives the life that Jesus offers. He did not say, "I have come to add to your existing life, to help you improve or mend it, or make atonement for the past." He has no intention of doing any such thing, for that is man's way, whether by politics, science, education, philosophy or religion. God's way is by birth, and because it is God's way it must be man's, for man has no choice in the matter. God ordained the birth-way for mankind. To have natural life you must be born. Similarly, to have eternal life you must be born again.

Nowhere is it disputed that the life of Jesus Christ is the most desirable of all lives this earth has ever witnessed. Its righteousness, purity, holiness, love and power were indestructible and proved unconquerable, even by death itself. Being of such quality, it is eternal. A person and his life are one. It can therefore be easily seen that no man can possibly have Jesus' personal life until Jesus comes into him, for Jesus is that

Human life is a gift. However it develops later on, it starts as a gift. We say that a mother gives birth to a child. No one ever thinks of saying he gave himself life or birth. We all recognize that both were given to us. We did not work for or earn the life we have, nor did we even desire or will it. We came into the world for better or worse, without any say in the matter. We were just born. Whatever the known biological facts, it is God who gives the breath of life to every living soul.

life. He is God's gift to you. He was and is and ever will be God's Son - God was His Father. God, wishing to give you eternal life, will give birth and life to you if you will fulfil His conditions. Whoever you are, God's will is to give you that same eternal life that was in the Man Jesus. But in order to have it you must be born again. Our first birth was entirely physical, but the second birth is an entirely spiritual one. It is a miracle of God.

Are you prepared to begin all over again? Do you really want to make a completely new start? There are few who do not wish at heart that they could be different. Have you at times honestly wished you could live your life all over again? Then here is your opportunity. At this point receive inward assurance that you have the power to do what God requires of you. Only believe and God will do the miracle. The power is called faith, which is simply the determined response of your whole being to God. Do it now.

