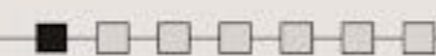




WEEK ONE

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JOHN 3:1-21



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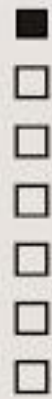
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### **John 2:23-25 NIV**

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.<sup>24</sup> But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people.<sup>25</sup> He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.



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**John 3:1-2 NIV**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

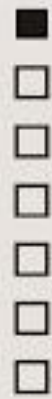


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**John 3:3-4 NIV**

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”  
<sup>4</sup> “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”



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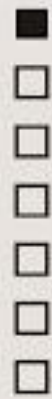
**John 3:5-8 NIV**

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”



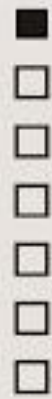
## What does “*born of water and spirit*” mean?

1. Water baptism and spiritual birth
2. Physical birth and spiritual birth
3. One new birth that brings spiritual cleansing and spiritual life



### **Ezekiel 36:24-26 NIV**

“For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”



### **John 1:12-13 NIV**

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.





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**John 3:9-10 NIV**

“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup> “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?”



### **Deuteronomy 30:5-6 NIV**

He will bring you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors. <sup>6</sup> The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.

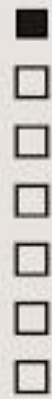


### **Jeremiah 31:33 NIV**

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.”



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### **Ezekiel 37:14 NIV**

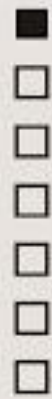
I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.



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**John 3:11-13 NIV**

Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.<sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?<sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.



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**John 3:14-15 NIV**

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”



### **John 3:16 NIV**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.





**Eternal life isn't just becoming a better person.  
It is trusting Christ to make you a new person.**

