



DIGGING DEEPER

Belief Benefits

Those Who Don't Believe	Those Who Believe

CROSS-CHECKING



Do Over

The Bible has much more to say about spiritual birth. Read the passages below from your Bible, and write beneath the verse headings everything you learn about spiritual birth.

John 1:10-13	Titus 3:4-7	1 Peter 1:22-25

What do you sense that God is looking for? Is it something more than making a decision for Christ after weighing the facts? More than getting involved in church or Christian activities? Being spiritually reborn is a transformation that has nothing to do with anything on earth. It can only come from above! It's so new and different that it's best described as starting completely over again—being *born again*.

Prayerfully answer these next questions. Ask God to tell you more about the transformation of being reborn by listening to his voice as you answer these questions.

1. Look over the info you wrote above about spiritual birth. Circle what *has to* happen in order for you to see the kingdom of God. What is God telling you about your spiritual birth?

2. What words or phrases from John, Titus, and 1 Peter describe the process of spiritual birth? Write them here.

3. Going by these verses, what are the differences between a physical and a spiritual birth?

4. If you're truly born again by believing in Jesus, your behavior will be transformed, too. As we've already seen, belief and behavior go hand in hand! Jesus gave a great definition for "believe" in John 3:21 (NAS): "But he who *practices the truth* comes to the Light..."

Are you *practicing the truth*? Describe below what someone would see you doing if he or she hung out with you for 24 hours. What would this person be likely to conclude about truth from watching you?