

The New-Birth Certificate



Birth Certificate

This is to certify that

is born of God.

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My parents were married for over 60 years. For most of those happy and faithful years, they lived in our home at Holetown on the beautiful island of Barbados. The day finally came that they had to move. They went to live with one of my brothers in another part of the island.

We had to inform everyone, especially the authorities, about their new mailing address. Everything went smoothly, with one exception. We discovered that my father's pension cheques had his name spelt incorrectly in several places.

His National Identification card had the correct spelling, however. So we took this, as well as a letter, requesting them to make the changes to the name and mailing address. They changed the mailing address but told us that they could not change the name unless we brought an original Birth Certificate. Only a Birth Certificate could authorise them to make such changes.

But my dad could not find his birth certificate. So they told us that we could get a new certificate from the Registry where such records were kept. Sure enough, the Registry found the records and gave us a new birth certificate. We took the new certificate to the authorities and had the corrections made.

This incident reminds me of the special need for another birth certificate. It is the need for the **New-Birth Certificate** - not just a new birth certificate but the

New-Birth Certificate. This certificate is the most important certificate that there is. This certificate clearly identifies the individual to be a child of God. It shows that the person is born of God.

Are you a child of God? Have you been born again? Have you been born of God? If so do you have this certificate? Do you know where this certificate can be found?

If you are born again, then this certificate assures you that you are a child of God. But very importantly, if you are not born again this certificate will show you how you can become a child of God. It is found in God's Word.

Here is the New-Birth Certificate:

“He (the Lord Jesus Christ) came unto his own, and his own received him not. 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: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:11-13).

His own received Him not: The Lord Jesus came to earth and desired to have a special relationship with man. But sadly He was often refused and rejected.

As many as received Him: Some did receive Him. To receive something is to accept it, to take it and to make it your own. So too we must make Christ our own.

We must take Christ as our Saviour, our God and our Substitute, who died in our place and is risen again.

These verses from God's word **certify** that all of us who take Christ as our own, receive something else - the privilege and right to become His own children. This right to become God's children is ours by faith, **by believing on His name**. In believing on His name we accept His Worth (all He is), His Work (all He has done) and His Word (all He has said). Through faith we receive Him, and through faith we become His children. He becomes ours, and we become His.

These verses are our New-Birth Certificate. They **certify** that all who receive the Lord Jesus become God's children by being born of God. **This is the New-Birth.** It is **“not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man”**. God alone brings this birth about.

Are you born of God? If not stop refusing Christ and instead, receive Him now and claim your **New-Birth Certificate**.

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