

*I came to know God having been fearful of him. He is all that I think about now. I struggle because I do not feel much love from him. How can I know that I am truly born again?*

The Lord Jesus told Nicodemus that one must be born again to see the kingdom of God (Jn 3:3). Receipt of God's righteousness (Ro 10:9–10) is conceived in the heart (vv. 9b–10a) and confirmed by the mouth (vv. 9a, 10b).

The Christian knows he has passed from death to life because he has love for the brethren (1 Jn 3:14). He knows he is saved because he no longer sins habitually (vv. 3:6a, 7, 9); whereas, the worldly man continues on in sin (Re 17:2). He has not seen God nor known him (1 Jn 3:6b, 8, 10).

The Holy Spirit strives with the sinner (Ge 6:3) convicting him of sin (Jn 16:8–11). Receiving the spirit is contingent on repentance (Ac 2:38) and obedience (Ac 5:32).

When the Holy Spirit indwells an individual, (Ro 8:9–11) he bears fruit (Ga 5:22, 23). The believer can identify (Mt 7:20) a like-minded believer (Phil 2:2).

The child of God has been adopted (Ro 8:15-17) and become a member of God's family. A Christian is intimate with the Father and able by the spirit to call him *Abba* (Ro 8:15–16).

After one is born again, his life is not the same (Lk 14:28,29, Jn 6:68-69).