

## Deacon's Beacons

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Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

What does this mean? There is much debate about it. This is where Born Again Christians draw their name. But what does it mean to be born again? We are reborn in Baptism. Is that enough? Remembering that those to whom Jesus and the Apostles preached to adults primarily, it could mean one thing in that setting. But Scripture is eternal and unchanging. So when the usual situation is that children are baptized as babies, does that count? In a sense, the Sacrament of Confirmation may address that conundrum by requiring a commitment as an "adult." But why isn't Baptism enough? Many only truly become committed to their faith after they have matured and long after the age of Confirmation. And in another sense, we are reborn every time we experience conversion, every time we choose to move away from a sin that has plagued us. That is being born again in the Spirit.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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