

*Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way*



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**Isaiah 6:1-8**

**Psalm 29**

**Romans 8:12-17**

**John 3:1-17**

**BORN  
AGAIN**

*There is New Life in Christ Jesus*

*Object: A butterfly*

One night a man named Nicodemus came to talk to Jesus. Jesus told Nicodemus, "No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." Nicodemus was really puzzled by what Jesus said. He just couldn't understand how someone could be born again. To this day, a lot of people still have trouble understanding how that can be possible.

I have something that might help us to understand what Jesus meant. I have a butterfly. I think the butterfly is one of the most beautiful things that God has ever created, but it wasn't always so beautiful.

The butterfly starts out as a fuzzy little caterpillar. One day the caterpillar spins a cocoon about himself and stays there for several weeks. When it comes out, it is no longer a caterpillar, it has been miraculously changed into a beautiful butterfly.

God didn't just take a caterpillar and stick some wings on it and paint the wings all different colors. When the cocoon opens and the butterfly crawls out, it is a new creation. The caterpillar is gone! It has now become a butterfly.

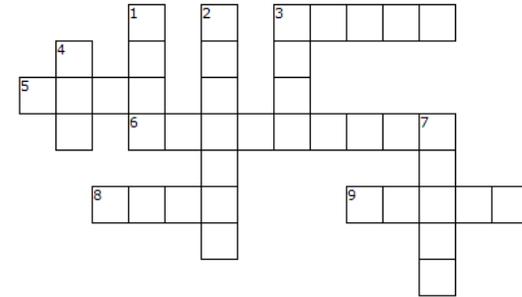
That is a good picture of what Jesus meant when he said we had to be "born again." The Bible says, "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" God doesn't just clean us up and slap on a little paint, he makes us into a new person.

Dear Lord, we thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross so that we, like the butterfly, can become a new creation. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; God's glory fills the whole earth. Alleluia. (Isa. 6:3)

*Crossword Puzzle*



**ACROSS**

- 3. A clear, colorless liquid; H<sub>2</sub>O
- 5. To receive sounds with your ears
- 6. A Pharisee who went to Jesus at night
- 8. The period from birth until death
- 9. The real facts about something; not false

**DOWN**

- 1. To be brought into life by birth
- 2. A person who instructs or trains others
- 3. The movement of air outside
- 4. To observe by using your eyes
- 7. Something that can be heard

HEAR	TRUTH	NICODEMUS	WIND	TEACHER
WATER	SOUND	SEE	LIFE	BORN

**TISSUE BUTTERFLY:** Give the child a large tracing of a butterfly. Take various colors of tissue paper and let the child make into tiny "wads" to glue on to the butterfly. Save an open area on both butterfly wings to write NEW LIFE IN JESUS. (Fewer tissue paper "wads" will be needed if the child uses the tissue paper only around the outside edges of the butterfly.)



# JOHN 3



Jesus and Nicodemus