THE QUESTION

Can a person be born again without being baptized?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

The early writers taught that the new birth normally happens in baptism, by water and the Spirit, after repentance and faith. They read Jesus' words to Nicodemus that way. Some also held that a martyr who died before baptism was not lost, because his own blood served as his baptism.

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Jesus links new birth to water and Spirit

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Tatian's Gospel harmony gives Jesus' words to Nicodemus. Irenaeus reads them as being about baptism: sinners are cleansed by the sacred water and the Lord's name, and are born anew like babies. He sees Naaman's washing in the Jordan as a sign of this.

1 “Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, if a man is not born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. John 3:6 For he that is born of flesh is flesh, and he that is born of Spirit is spirit. John 3:7 Do not wonder that I said to you, ‘You must be born a second time.’ John 3:8 The wind blows where it wills, and you hear its voice, but you do not know from what place it comes, nor where it goes. So is every man that is born of the Spirit.””

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 32 (c. 150–180 AD) **Source 6, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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2 “For just as we are lepers in sin, we are made clean by means of the sacred water and the invocation of the Lord from our old transgressions, being spiritually regenerated as newborn babes, just as the Lord has declared: "Unless a man is born again through water and the Spirit, he shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 9, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Baptism followed faith, repentance and prayer

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Justin describes how new believers were brought into the church. First they believed, promised to live by the teaching, and fasted and prayed for forgiveness. Then they were taken to water and born again there. He says this new birth is a free choice, unlike our first birth.

3 “Then, they are brought by us to water and are regenerated in the same way we were.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *First Apology* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 5, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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4 “Since at birth we were born without our own knowledge or choice, due to our parents coming together, and were raised with bad habits and wicked training; so that we may not remain children of necessity and ignorance, but may become children of choice and knowledge, and may obtain in the water the remission of sins previously committed, the name of God the Father and Lord of the universe is pronounced over the one who chooses to be born again and has repented of sins.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *First Apology* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Cyprian calls baptism the place of rebirth

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Cyprian reads Titus 3:5, the washing of regeneration, as baptism. There the old man dies and the new man is born. He adds that this spiritual birth needs the Holy Spirit, and so it cannot happen apart from the Spirit.

5 “For the blessed apostle declares and proves that baptism is where the old man dies and the new man is born, saying, "He saved us by the washing of regeneration,"”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 26, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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6 “Let them consider and understand that spiritual birth cannot exist without the Spirit.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 25, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Hippolytus invites all nations to the water

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Hippolytus says Christ came to wash people with water and the Spirit and so give them new life. He calls everyone to come to baptism. When someone asks how to come, his answer is water joined with the Spirit.

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7 “He came to man in order to wash him with water and the Spirit. And by causing us to be born again to incorruption in soul and body, He breathed into us the breath, that is, the spirit, of life, and clothed us with an incorruptible full armor.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Discourse on the Holy Theophany* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 18, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Refusing baptism was treated as unbelief

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Tertullian states the church's rule that no one is saved without baptism, based on Jesus' words. The Apostolic Constitutions warn that a person who scorns baptism is judged as an unbeliever. The point is aimed at refusing baptism, not at someone who wanted it.

8 “However, when this rule is stated—that no one can attain salvation without baptism, mainly because of the Lord’s declaration, who says, “Unless one is born of water, he does not have life”—some people immediately raise cautious doubts, or rather bold ones.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Baptism* 12 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 17, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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9 “No, the one who, out of contempt, refuses to be baptized will be condemned as an unbeliever and rebuked as ungrateful and foolish.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 28, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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Martyrs were counted as baptized in blood

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An early treatise says Jesus spoke of another baptism, in his own blood. So a believer who is martyred before baptism is not harmed by lacking the water. The writer adds that such martyrs would have been baptized if they had the chance.

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10 “This is as in the case of martyrs who hear the word: the baptism of water is lacking without evil.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Anonymous,** *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 **Source 32, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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When the Spirit came first, baptism still followed

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

The same treatise notes that at Cornelius' house the Spirit fell on believers before they were baptized. Yet Peter at once asked who could forbid water for them. So even this unusual case ended in baptism, not in skipping it.

11 “Further, as you are not ignorant, the Holy Spirit is found to have been given by the Lord without baptism of water to men who believe, as it is written in Acts of the Apostles in this way: “While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Anonymous,** *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 **Source 33, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not discuss a believer who simply never had a chance to be baptized, apart from martyrs.
- Cyprian's and the treatise's views come from a third-century debate about baptism by heretics, which is a separate question.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 36 early Christian passages and 174 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–36, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 37–119, in Bible order), then 91 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *36 passages from 16 writers*

Didache, *c. 50–120 AD · source 1*

1 *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 7 (1885 English; on point 2) into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the… [continues online] **read ›**

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · source 2*

2 *Epistle of Barnabas* (on point 1) indeed descend into the water full of sins and defilement, but come up, bearing fruit in our heart, having the fear of God and trust in Jesus in our spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · source 3*

3 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* "was born and baptized, that by His passion He might purify the water… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 4–5*

4 *First Apology* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** "order that we may not remain the children of necessity and of ignorance, but may become the children of choice and knowledge, and may obtain in the water the remission… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *First Apology* **Quote 3, page 2** "In the name of God, the Father and Lord of the universe… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · sources 6–7*

6 *Diatessaron* 32 **Quote 1, page 2** "3:4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man who is old be born… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Diatessaron* 3 (1885 English) "1:14 And the Word became flesh, and took up his abode among us… [continues online] **read ›**

Theophilus of Antioch, *c. 169–183 AD · source 8*

8 *To Autolycus* 16 (1885 English; on point 1) "the monsters of the deep and the birds of prey are a similitude of covetous men and transgressors… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 9–10*

9 *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "spiritually regenerated as new-born babes, even as the Lord has declared: "Except a man be born again through water and the Spirit, he shall not enter into the kingdom… [continues online] **read ›**

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10 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English; on point 1) “inasmuch as man, with respect to that formation which, was after Adam, having fallen into transgression, needed the laver of regeneration, [the Lord] said to him [upon whom He had… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 11–13*

11 *Instructor* 1.6 (on point 1) human faith and divine grace, our transgressions being taken away by one Paeonian medicine, the baptism of the Word. We are washed from all our sins and are no longer… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Stromata* 2.13 (1885 English; on point 2) “not only must the idols which he formerly held as gods, but the works also of his former life, be abandoned by him who has been born again, not of… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Instructor* 1.6 “Clearly. Then He did not learn anything more from him? Certainly not. But is He perfected by the washing of baptism alone, and sanctified by the descent of the Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 14–17*

14 *De Anima (On the Soul)* 39 (1885 English; on point 1) “he had certainly not forgotten what the Lord had so definitively stated: Unless a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *On Baptism* 12 (on point 5) not have said this at all to someone who had not been baptized. So even here we have clear proof against those who, in order to destroy the sacrament of… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *On Baptism* 11 from the Father? Into the Church, which His apostles had not yet founded? And so, with that same baptism of John, His disciples used to baptize as ministers, with which… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *On Baptism* 12 (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** “however, the prescript is laid down that without baptism, salvation is attainable by none (chiefly on the ground of that declaration of the Lord, who says, Unless one be born… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 18–19*

18 *Discourse on the Holy Theophany* 1 **Quote 7, page 4** “the world. He came to man in order to wash him with water and the Spirit. And by causing us to be born again to incorruption in soul and body… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Discourse on the Holy Theophany* 1 (on point 4) good, then, are all the works of our God and Savior. And what gift, again, is more necessary than water? For by water all things are washed and fed, cleansed… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · source 20*

20 *Commentary on Matthew* 13 (1885 English; on point 1) “they received this commission to discharge concerning them, from what time by the laver of regeneration, Titus 3:5 through which they were born as new-born babes, they long… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 21*

21 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 29 (on point 3) of His.” And, “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” He is the One who effects with water the second birth, as a certain seed of divine… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 22–26*

22 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 3) “the second birth, which occurs in baptism, begets sons of God… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *Epistles* (on point 3) laying on of hands, if, as they claim, it had power in the sanctifying of baptism? For if someone born outside the Church can become God's temple, why can… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 3) “it is written, Unless a man be born again of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Epistles* **Quote 6, page 3** Stephen and those who agree with him argue that the putting away of sins and the second birth can come from the baptism of heretics, among whom, as they themselves… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *Epistles* **Quote 5, page 3** “3:5. But if regeneration is in the washing, that is, in baptism, how can heresy, which is… [continues online] **read ›**

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Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 27–29*

27 *Apostolic Constitutions* concerning baptism, O bishop or presbyter, we have already given instruction, and now we say this: you shall baptize as the Lord commanded us, saying, “Go and teach all nations… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 9, page 4** Besides this, those who try to baptize people who have already been initiated crucify the Lord again, kill Him a second time, mock divine things and ridicule holy things, insult… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Apostolic Constitutions* “them the laver of regeneration and the garment of incorruption, which is the true life… [continues online] **read ›**

Commodianus, *c. 250–300 AD · source 30*

30 *Writings* (on point 1) “baptism, the coarse dress of your birth is washed… [continues online] **read ›**

Anonymous · *sources 31–36*

31 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 Him. Even Peter himself, who had boasted that he would remain firm in his faith, and had most stubbornly resisted the prediction of the Lord Himself, still at last denied… [continues online] **read ›**

32 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 **Quote 10, page 5** “And even up to this point, that whole heretical baptism may be amended, after some time has passed, if a man should survive and amend his faith. For our God… [continues online] **read ›**

33 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 **Quote 11, page 5** “he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ… [continues online] **read ›**

34 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (on point 6) “by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that bears witness, because the Spirit is truth… [continues online] **read ›**

35 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 Therefore, for those who begin a discussion of saving and new baptism, that is, spiritual and evangelical baptism, the first thing that comes before them is the announcement that is… [continues online] **read ›**

36 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (1885 English; on point 7) “And to these things you perchance, who art bringing in some novelty, may immediately and impatiently reply, as you are wont, that the Lord said in the Gospel: Unless a… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *83 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

37 **Genesis 21:19** Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of living water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the child a drink. **read ›**

38 **Exodus 13:13** Every one that opens the womb of a donkey you shall exchange for a sheep; and if you do not exchange it, you shall redeem it. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. **read ›**

39 **Exodus 19:14** So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified them, and they washed their garments. **read ›**

40 **Exodus 29:4** You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doors of the tabernacle of witness, and wash them with water. **read ›**

41 **Exodus 30:20** Whenever they go into the tabernacle of witness, and whenever they come near the altar to minister and to offer whole burnt offerings to the Lord, they shall wash with water, and so they shall certainly not die. **read ›**

42 **Exodus 30:21** They shall wash their hands and their feet with water. Whenever they go into the tabernacle of witness, they shall wash with water, so that they do not die. It shall be a perpetual ordinance for them, for Aaron and for his generations after him.” **read ›**

43 **Leviticus 8:6** Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons near and washed them with water. **read ›**

44 **Leviticus 14:8** The one who is cleansed shall wash his garments, shave off all his hair, and bathe in water, and he shall be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, but he shall stay outside his house seven days. **read ›**

45 **Leviticus 15:13** When the man with the discharge is cleansed of his discharge, seven days shall be counted for him for his cleansing; then he shall wash his garments and bathe his body in water, and he shall be clean. **read ›**

46 **Leviticus 16:26** The one who sends away the goat that was set apart for release shall wash his garments and bathe his body in water, and after that he may come into the camp. **read ›**

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47 **Leviticus 16:28** The one who burns them shall wash his garments and bathe his body in water, and after that he may come into the camp. **read ›**

48 **Leviticus 17:16** But if he does not wash his garments and does not bathe his body in water, he shall bear his lawlessness." **read ›**

49 **Numbers 8:7** And thus you shall perform their purification: you shall sprinkle them with water of purification, and a razor shall pass over their whole body, and they shall wash their garments and be clean. **read ›**

50 **Numbers 19:17** And for the unclean they shall take some of the burnt ashes of the purification, and they shall pour running water over them into a vessel. **read ›**

51 **Numbers 19:19** And the clean man shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day, and he shall be purified on the seventh day; and he shall wash his garments and bathe in water, and he shall be unclean until evening. **read ›**

52 **Numbers 19:20** But the man who is defiled and does not purify himself, that person shall be utterly destroyed from the midst of the congregation, because he has defiled the holy place of the Lord, because the water of sprinkling was not sprinkled on him; he is unclean. **read ›**

53 **Numbers 31:23** everything that passes through fire shall be clean; yet it shall be purified with the water of purification. And whatever does not pass through fire shall pass through water. **read ›**

54 **Deuteronomy 23:3** An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the Lord; even to the tenth generation he shall not enter the assembly of the Lord, even forever, (Septuagint Deuteronomy 23:4 (Deuteronomy 23:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

55 **Deuteronomy 23:23** What goes out through your lips you shall keep, and you shall do just as you vowed: a gift to the Lord God, which you spoke with your mouth. (Septuagint Deuteronomy 23:24 (Deuteronomy 23:23 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

56 **Judges 13:7** He said to me, 'Behold, you are with child and shall bear a son. Now drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be holy to God from the womb until the day of his death.' " **read ›**

57 **2 Samuel 22:17** He sent from on high and took me; he drew me out of many waters. **read ›**

58 **1 Kings 17:21** And he breathed on the child three times and called on the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, please let the soul of this child return to him." **read ›**

59 **2 Kings 5:10** And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh shall return to you, and you shall be clean." **read ›**

60 **2 Kings 5:14** So Naaman went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha; and his flesh returned like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. **read ›**

61 **Ecclesiastes 7:22** For many times he will do you wrong, and on many occasions he will hurt your heart, for you also have cursed others. **read ›**

62 **Isaiah 10:2** turning aside the judgment of the poor, snatching away the judgment of the needy of my people, so that the widow becomes their plunder and the orphan their spoil. **read ›**

63 **Isaiah 15:3** Wrap yourselves in sackcloth in her squares, and lament on her rooftops and in her lanes; all of you, wail with weeping. **read ›**

64 **Jeremiah 17:17** Do not become a stranger to me; spare me in the evil day. **read ›**

65 **Jeremiah 50:9** For behold, I am stirring up against Babylon congregations of nations from the land of the north, and they will line up for battle against her; from there she will be taken; as the arrow of a skilled warrior, it will not return empty. (Septuagint Jeremiah 27:9 (Jeremiah 50:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

66 **Jeremiah 50:14** Line up for battle against Babylon all around, all you who bend the bow; shoot at her, do not spare your arrows, (Septuagint Jeremiah 27:14 (Jeremiah 50:14 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

67 **Ezekiel 3:16** And after the seven days the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Son of man, **read ›**

68 **Ezekiel 4:17** so that they may lack bread and water; and a man and his brother shall be ruined, and they shall waste away in their unrighteous deeds. **read ›**

69 **Ezekiel 10:18** And the glory of the Lord went out from the house and mounted upon the cherubim. **read ›**

70 **Ezekiel 10:19** And the cherubim lifted their wings and rose up from the earth before me; as they went out, the wheels too were beside them; and they stood at the entrance of the front gate of the house of the Lord, and the glory of the God of Israel was upon them above. **read ›**

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71 **Ezekiel 25:4** therefore behold, I am handing you over to the children of Kedem for an inheritance, and they shall encamp with their goods among you, and they shall set their tents among you; they shall eat your fruits, and they shall drink your richness. **read ›**

72 **Ezekiel 33:4** and the one who hears does hear the sound of the trumpet, yet does not take warning, and the sword comes and overtakes him—his blood shall be on his own head. **read ›**

73 **Daniel 11:31** And seeds from him shall arise, and they shall profane the sanctuary of might, and remove the continual offering, and set up an abomination made desolate. **read ›**

74 **Amos 3:13** Hear, O priests, and testify to the house of Jacob, says the Lord God Almighty. **read ›**

75 **Amos 3:14** For in the day when I avenge the ungodly deeds of Israel upon him, I will also take vengeance on the altars of Bethel; and the horns of the altar shall be broken off, and they shall fall to the ground. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:13** their offspring is cursed. For blessed is the barren woman who is undefiled, who has not known a bed of transgression; she will have fruit at the visitation of souls. **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Solomon 8:20** or rather, being good, I entered an undefiled body. **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Solomon 11:7** as a rebuke for the decree to kill infants, you gave them abundant water beyond hope, **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:5** And when they had resolved to kill the infants of the holy ones, and one child had been cast out and saved, you took away the multitude of their children as a rebuke, and destroyed them all together in mighty water. **read ›**

80 **Wisdom of Sirach 31:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

81 **Wisdom of Sirach 31:25** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

82 **Wisdom of Sirach 41:9** and if you are born, you will be born to a curse, and if you die, you will be allotted to a curse. **read ›**

83 **Wisdom of Sirach 51:24** Why are you lacking in these things, while your souls are very thirsty? **read ›**

84 **2 Maccabees 7:22** “I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you breath and life, nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. **read ›**

85 **4 Maccabees 10:2** But he cried out and said, “Do you not know that the same father fathered me as fathered those who died, and the same mother bore me, and that I was brought up in the same teachings? **read ›**

86 **4 Maccabees 15:3** loved more the godliness that saves to eternal life according to God. **read ›**

87 **4 Maccabees 18:23** But the children of Abraham, with their victorious mother, are gathered together into the chorus of the fathers, having received immortal souls from God. **read ›**

88 **1 Enoch 15:4** And you were holy, living, eternal spirits; yet you defiled yourselves with the blood of women, and with the blood of flesh you fathered children, and with the blood of men you lusted, just as they also produce flesh and blood—they who die and perish. **read ›**

89 **1 Enoch 22:10** And so this one was created for sinners, when they die and are buried in the earth and judgment has not come upon them in their lifetime. **read ›**

90 **1 Enoch 54:9** And they shall destroy all who dwell on the earth and those who dwell under the ends of heaven. **read ›**

91 **1 Enoch 60:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

92 **1 Enoch 67:11** And those same waters shall undergo a change in those days; for when those angels are punished in these waters, these springs shall change their temperature, and when the angels ascend, this water of the springs shall change and become cold. **read ›**

93 **1 Enoch 89:28** But the sheep escaped from that water and went forth into a wilderness, where there was no water and no grass; and they began to open their eyes and to see; and I saw the Lord of the sheep pasturing them and giving them water and grass, and that sheep going and leading them. **read ›**

94 **1 Enoch 89:38** Then that sheep, their leader, which had become a man, withdrew from them and fell asleep, and all the sheep sought it and cried over it with a great crying. **read ›**

95 **1 Enoch 106:3** And he rose up from the hands of the midwife, and opened his mouth, and blessed the Lord. **read ›**

96 **1 Enoch 108:11** And now I will summon the spirits of the good who belong to the generation of light, and I will transform those who were born in darkness, who in the flesh were not repaid with such honor as their faithfulness deserved. **read ›**

97 **Matthew 3:6** They were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. **read ›**

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98 **Mark 1:4** John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. **read ›**

99 **Luke 14:8** “When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit in the best seat, since perhaps someone more honorable than you might be invited by him, **read ›**

100 **John 1:13** who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God. **read ›**

101 **John 3:3** Jesus answered him, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **read ›**

102 **John 3:4** Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” **read ›**

103 **John 3:5** Jesus answered, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **read ›**

104 **John 3:6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **read ›**

105 **John 3:7** Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must all be born anew.’ **read ›**

106 **John 3:8** The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” **read ›**

107 **Acts 1:16** “Brothers, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. **read ›**

108 **Acts 4:4** But many of those who heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to be about five thousand. **read ›**

109 **Acts 11:2** When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, **read ›**

110 **Acts 12:3** When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This was during the days of unleavened bread. **read ›**

111 **Acts 19:3** He said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” **read ›**

112 **Acts 19:4** Paul said, “John indeed baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in the one who would come after him, that is, in Christ Jesus.” **read ›**

113 **Acts 22:16** Now why do you wait? Arise, be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’ **read ›**

114 **Romans 6:4** We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. **read ›**

115 **1 Corinthians 6:11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and in the Spirit of our God. **read ›**

116 **Ephesians 2:2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience. **read ›**

117 **Titus 3:5** not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, **read ›**

118 **1 Peter 3:21** Baptism, which corresponds to this, now also saves us—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but the appeal of a good conscience to God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **read ›**

119 **1 John 5:6** This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. **read ›**

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