

When describing spiritual rebirth, Jesus said: "Unless you are born again." That is, both human birth and spiritual rebirth are passive events for the infant. Mothers give birth to physical babies; the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual babies. (John 3:5-8)

This idea is behind Paul's words in Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Our spiritual rebirth is not something we do by ourselves, by our own efforts. If it was, we would be right to boast. Since it is of God rather than ourselves, we can only boast about God and His grace. (1 Corinthians 1:27-31; 2 Timothy 1:9)

If you have been born again through faith in Christ, give thanks to God that He has birthed you for a purpose. Just as the Holy Spirit brought you into God's Kingdom, so too will He lead you and transform you.

John 3:3 "Jesus answered and said to him: 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.'"