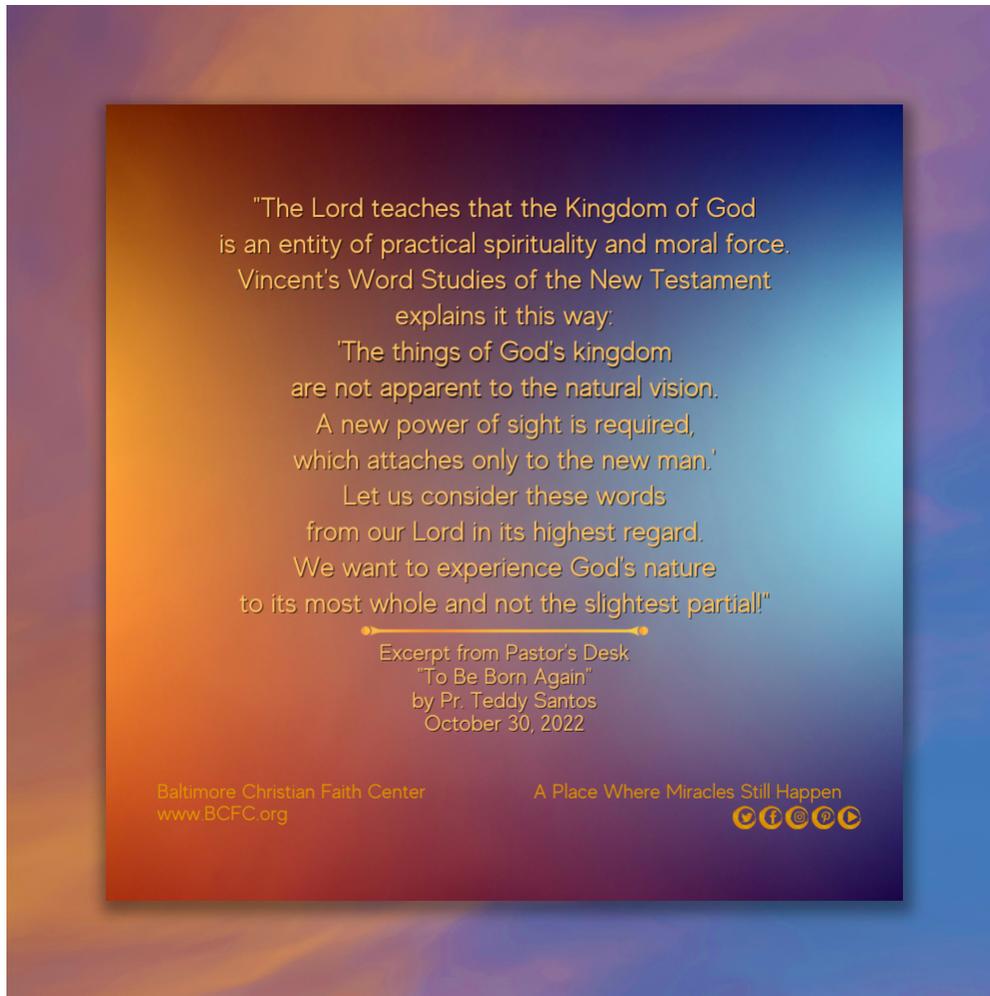


# TO BE BORN AGAIN

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**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."

In this verse, our Lord Jesus makes a revealing remark that contains an important term: "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The critical word is "See." One's initial reaction to "see" is to presume a literal, visible observation. Yet, the Greek word here is eidon, meaning: "to know, perceive, consider, be aware, understand, and be sure." Its use also includes "look on," "behold," and "see." The Bible often uses it in the sense of mental anticipation rather than visual sight, expressly as "I understand," "I get it," or "now I see it."

Paul is a dramatic illustration of a person who made a sudden sharp turn in attitude and conduct when he "saw" (or perceived) that he was a hardened sinner and not headed toward the Kingdom of God. And in this verse, our Lord Jesus emphasizes the Kingdom of God being something to be comprehended or understood rather than visually observed.

The Lord's statement means: "Except a man be born again, he cannot come to know the things of God; he cannot be fitted for it or enjoy its benefits." In this way, The Lord teaches that the Kingdom of God is an entity of practical spirituality and moral force. Vincent's Word Studies of the New Testament explains it this way: "The things of God's kingdom are not apparent to the natural vision. A new power of sight is required, which attaches only to the new man." Let us consider these words from our Lord in its highest regard. We want to experience God's nature to its most whole and not the slightest partial!

At His service,  
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