



Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Ockenga Fellows Retreat 1.

John 3:1-8 | Are You Born Again?

You've come to Jesus
wondering who he is.

John 3:1-2

To get into God's kingdom
you have to be born again.

John 3:3-4

Fewer people in New England say that they have had a “born again” experience - 16.5% compared to 36.5% for the nation.

The Ockenga Institute's New England Research Project
(Data via General Social Surveys, 1972-1994)

“Born again: say they have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is still important in their life today and believe that, when they die, they will go to heaven because they have confessed their sins and accepted Jesus as their savior.”

The Barna Group - 2015 Massachusetts State Report

Born Again?
Massachusetts: 22%
Nationwide: 41%

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The Holy Spirit must completely
cleanse and transform you from
the inside out.

John 3:5-7

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (NIV®)

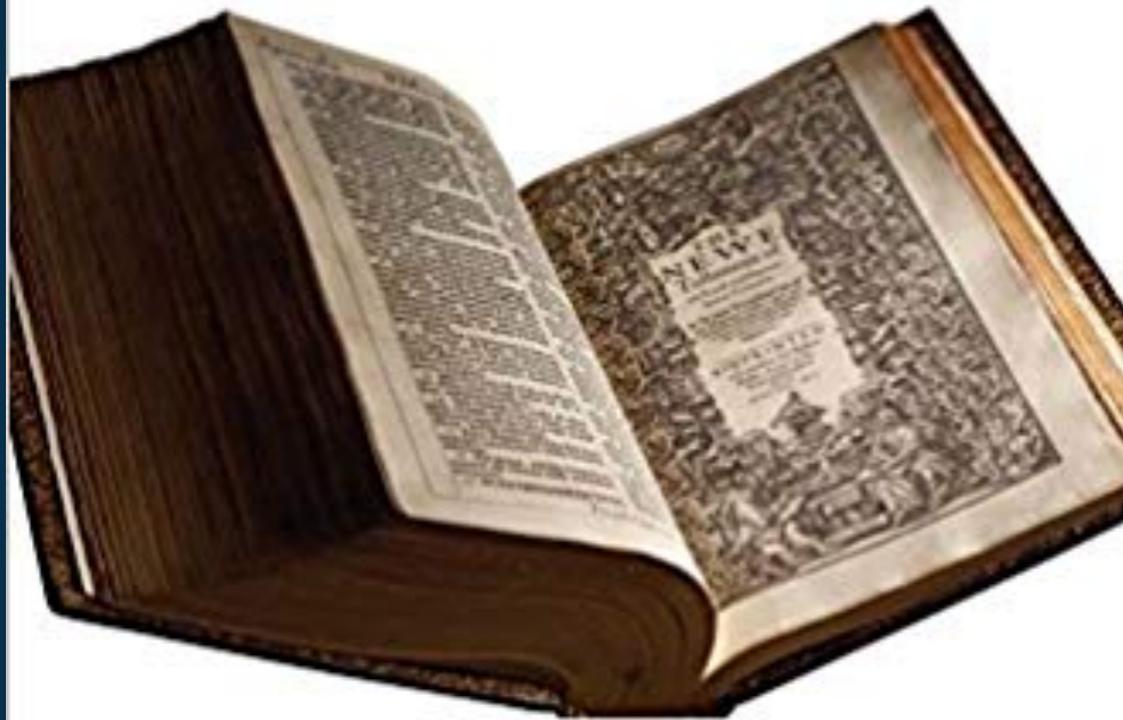
To be born again is for the Holy Spirit to come and dwell in you, cleanse you of your sins, and to completely transform you from the inside out through faith in Christ Jesus.

Those who are born again:

- Do what is right (1 John 2:29)
- Turn from their sins and to God (1 John 3:9; 5:18)
- Love one another (1 John 4:7)
- Overcome the world by faith in Jesus (1 John 5:4-5)
- Believes Jesus is the Messiah — God's only chosen Savior. (1 John 5:1)

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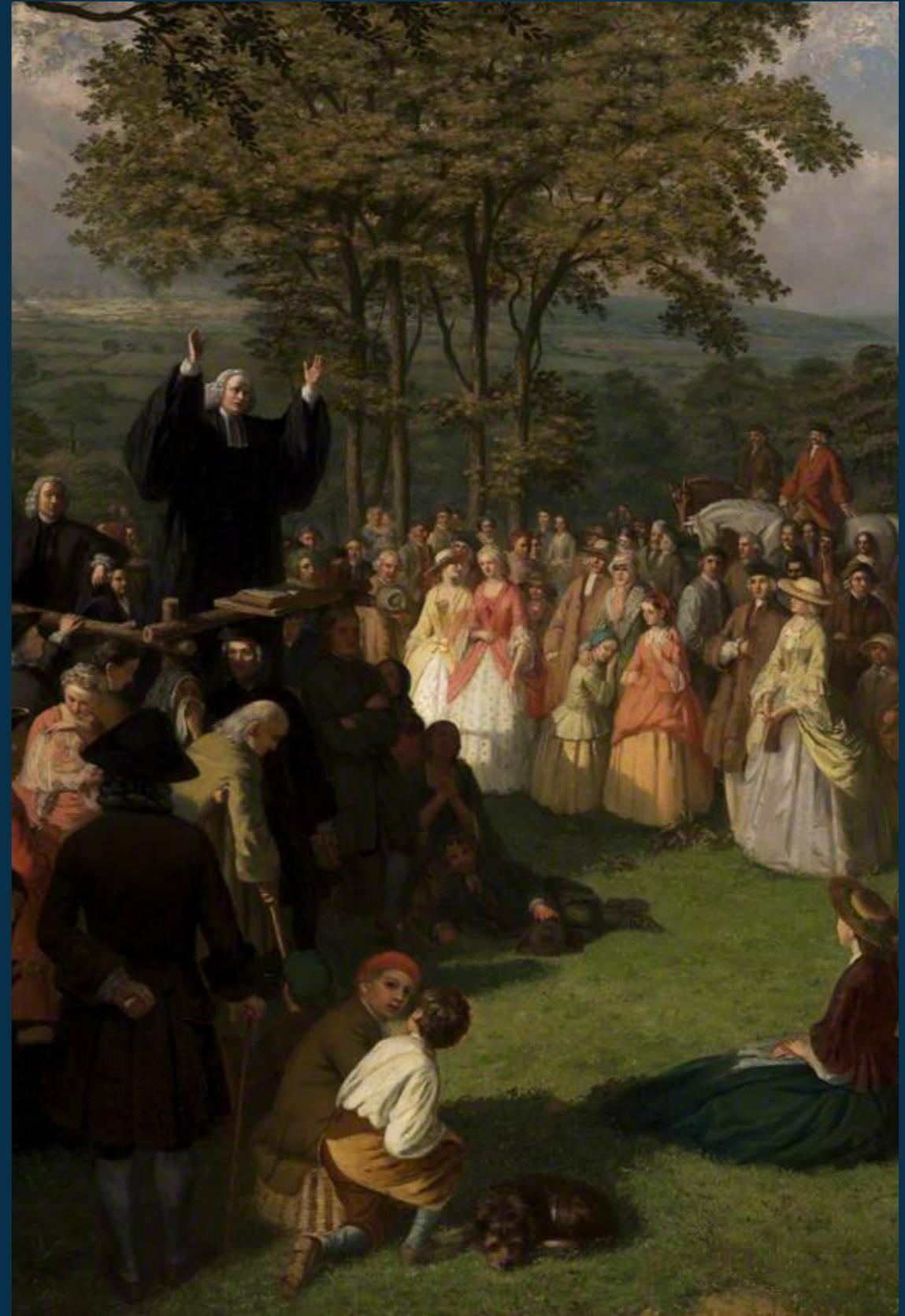


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God's Spirit can
change us.

John 3:8