

Doctrine of Being Born Again Nine Manifestations

1. A sense of freedom due to peace in the soul. *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" Romans 5:1.* The heart of the unbeliever should be characterized by restlessness until the matter of salvation is settled.
2. A new love for others. *"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." 1 John 3:14.* When the heart is renewed by divine grace, love becomes the ruling principle of action. Love will modify the character, govern the impulses, control the passions and ennoble the affections. The love of God shed in the heart will sweeten the life and become a refining influence on all around. The unconsecrated heart cannot originate it or produce it. It is found only in the heart where Jesus reigns. *'We love Him, because He first loved us.'*
3. A turning of mind and heart from the world. *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15.* A converted person will have a change of feelings, motives and actions. Eternity becomes just as important as time.
4. Victory where before there was only defeat. *"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," Jude 1:24.* In the name of Jesus and in His merits, sinful habits and practices may be overcome. It is impossible for person to overcome evil without God's strength. In salvation grace is given so that through Jesus Christ, an individual may be a conqueror of inward corruption.
5. A frequent, instinctive desire to pray. *"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God..." Psalms 42:1,2.*
6. An interest in and turning to God's Word. *"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart..." Jeremiah 15:16.* The person who has been born again will enjoy reading the Word of God. Before salvation the Bible may have been dull and uninteresting but now the Scriptures live. Bible studies are sought out because the whole counsel of God is desired to be known.
7. A growing sensitivity to sin. The closer we come to Jesus, the more clearly we will see the purity of His character. Also, the closer we come to Him, the more we will see the terrible sinfulness of our own sin as Peter when he *"fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Luke 5:8).*
8. An attitude of willing obedience to God. *"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Psalms 40:8.* When a person truly loves God, that love will be manifested by gospel obedience. It will be plain and distinct between those who love God and keep His commandments, and those who do not love Him and disregard His laws and precepts.

9. An impulse to witness to others. *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..." Acts 1:8.* When we are Christians, witnessing to others will be our delight. As soon as one is converted, there is born within him a desire to share and make known to others what a precious Friend he has found in Jesus. The saving and sanctifying truth cannot be kept silent. Other must be told what Jesus has done.