

# GREG'S NOTES

## A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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### HOW TO NOT BE BORN AGAIN

John 1

I never get tired of talking about Jesus. Do you ever get tired of hearing about Him? The goal of every Christian should be to know Jesus more, to spend time learning about Him, and—more to the point—to become like Him.

As we study the Gospel of John, we must remember that John was an eyewitness of the ministry of our Lord, and that it was written that we as believers might experience more of Him in us.

### PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **Jesus is God.** Coequal, coeternal, coexistent with the Father and the Holy Spirit, Jesus was with God and was God. Jesus did not become identical to us but He did become identified with us. It is hard for us to wrap our mind around the idea of deity and humanity in one person.
2. **Jesus Cares about us.** Jesus is not just your King, who is all-powerful and in control. He is your Shepherd, who cares about you personally
3. **God, who became a man, shined His light on humanity.** Jesus is the light that both makes people uncomfortable of the darkness of their sin, but also draws men to Himself because of the His bright goodness. If a person is really seeking the truth and seeking God, they will find their way to Jesus.

### RELEVANT REMINDERS

- Many of the great “I am” statements of Jesus are found only in the Gospel of John: *I am the bread of life. I am the good Shepherd. I am the resurrection and the life.* And of course, *I am the way, the truth, and the life.*
- The Gospel of John goes way back before Bethlehem. It goes way back even before the Garden of Eden. John goes back to the beginning of the beginning.
- Jesus is the only Son of God who lived a perfect sinless life. He was God in human form.

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### APPLICABLE ACTIONS

Let's conclude with how not to be born again, as outlined in this first chapter of John: 1) You cannot be born again of blood. That means if you are born into a Christian family, you are not automatically a Christian. 2) It is not the will of the flesh. You can't just do Christian things without the power of Christ. 3) It is not from the will of man. We can't make anyone become a Christian.

So, it is not by dissent, desire, or determination. Then how is one born into God's family? By receiving Christ. Learn more about receiving Christ at [KnowGod.org](http://KnowGod.org).