

# Letters to Worldnet Grace Ministries

## Question & Answers

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John chapter 3 verses 5-8.

Cannot understand when He talks about the spirit and water.

Cannot put this verse together.

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*Johnny's answer:*

John:

The expression translated as “of water and the Spirit” is literally “of water and Spirit”.

ἐξ ὕδατος καὶ Πνεύματος

of water and Spirit

The sentence catches the attention because of the absence of an article before the words “water” and “Spirit”.

Normally every Greek word is preceded by an article. Whenever we find two words in a row with no articles, and connected with “and” that construction indicates a “hendiadys”. A hendiadys is a figure of speech in which the two words are not considered as two different things, but as one.

So, in this case, the phrase would be translated as “unless one is born of the water, that is, the Spirit”, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

So Jesus is not referring to physical water i.e., baptism. Water is a picture of Holy Spirit who, before we could be saved, had to make us alive. That is, He had to regenerate us. When he regenerated us, we were born again as spirit beings, having the imputed 100% perfect righteousness of Jesus Himself.

Therefore, for those of us who trust in Jesus as our Savior, we are eligible to enter into the Kingdom of God.

To hear a full audio explaining of the John 3: 5-8 passage, go to [RadicalGrace.com](http://RadicalGrace.com), scroll down to “Audio Bible series” and the series entitled “The Life of Jesus”. Click that title, then locate #19 “Jesus and Nicodemus”. Printing out a copy of the handout to follow along with the audio is often helpful.

May the Lord richly bless you as you study His Word.

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