## **Born Again- When?**

#### Ezek 11:19-20

- And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:
- That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

## The result of being born again is obedience to the Lord-only adults can obey

#### 2 Cor 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

### Old things are passed away. This has to be in older years

## Eph 2:1-5

- 1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
- in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
- All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.
  - But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,
- 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-- it is by grace you have been saved.

# Those who are born again were dead in transgressions and sins. This could only be adults. Babies don't transgress.

#### I Jn 3:9

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

# If a person is born again at birth, they would then sin until many years before having Jesus revealed in them, therefore, that would negate this verse.

### I Jn 2:29

29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

## If newborns are born again, then why do we have to train them in the way they should go?

#### 1 Pet 1:20

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

\*Chosen in eternity—revealed in time\*

I Jn 4:7

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

## Newborns do not love as God wants. They have to be taught.

#### I Jn 5:1

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

### Babies do not believe that Jesus is the Christ, therefore they cannot be born again at that age.

#### I Jn 5:4

for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

## Newborns do not overcome the world, as they cannot believe.

#### I Jn 5:18

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

# Babies sometimes sin until they are old. Can they have the Spirit in them, all those years, and continue to do this?

#### 1 Pet 1:1-4

- Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,
- who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.
- Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
  - 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade-- kept in heaven for you,

The order of this is as follows: chosen-sanctification-obedience. A newborn cannot obey. This can only apply to adults.