

God Born  
John 1:12-18  
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Jn.1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

There is something to be said for being born from God. Everyone who has ever lived except Adam and Eve, who were made by God, was born of natural process. Not so for God's children, they are born by supernatural means. John's prologue tells us that everyone who believes in Jesus Holy name is given the right to become God's children. (re-born) (Jn.1:12-13)

These people are not born by natural process such as all humans are born from but are born of or by God. (Jn.1:13) It is a God thing that neither nature nor man, not even science, can make happen. The process of this 'being born a child of God' begins by believing in Jesus. John says that those who believe are given the authority (ἐξουσία: exousia) or power or ability to become His children.

This believing in Jesus name includes receiving or accepting Him. (12) There is a due process being referred to here that John is alluding to as seen

looking back to what God had been accomplishing thru the Church and the preaching of Jesus for half a century. John insists to these very real accomplishments being done by God. (re-birthing)

The faith and trust of all Christians is that God is still actively doing this today. (Acts 2:38-39; Jn.20:31; 2Cor.4:13) This giving power (authority) to become His Children, born not of the will of the flesh or of man but rather, born of God. Jesus insisted this must take place if a person can expect or hope to see heaven. (Jn.3:3,5-7)

This is not new news to most if not all of us, so why bring it up again? It is an easy thing for us humans to forget who we are: Children of God. As His children we are expected to live in recognition of that fact. There are requirements to being an American citizen, accountability too. There is a greater burden of accountability laid upon us who are born of God. Holiness, righteousness, graciousness, forgiveness, charitableness, and fruitfulness. (list is not comprehensive)

I think one of the greatest reasons for re-visiting our being 'born of God' is for gratitude's sake. Because of His graciousness we live! We are His children because of Him not because of ourselves and our own abilities. Thank You Heavenly Father, Thank you Lord Jesus and Thank You Holy Spirit.