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John 3:1-8

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And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

– Ephesians 2:1-3
“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus”

– Ephesians 2:4-6
“It is a thorough change of heart, will, and character. It is a resurrection. It is a new creation. It is a passing from death to life. It is the implanting in our dead hearts a new principle from above.” – J.C. Ryle
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead…

– 1 Peter 1:3
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. – 2 Corinthians 5:17
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“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

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I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

– Ezekiel 36:25-27
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“It is not a decision that converts a person; it is the power of the Holy Spirit that does so.”

– R.C. Sproul
“The new birth is a miracle, a major miracle. It is a vital and unique work of God in human nature. It is the creating of a new man in the heart, where another man has been. It is the putting of a new man in the old man’s place, and we are born anew!” – A.W. Tozer
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