

Born Anew by God

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*Jesus is applying Old
Testament teaching.*

How do we know?

John 3:9-10

Nicodemus answered and said to Him,

“How can these things be?”

Jesus answered and said to him,

**“Are you the teacher of Israel,
and do not understand these things?”**

To what is Jesus referring?

Jeremiah 31:33-34

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Ezekiel 36:25-26

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you,
and you will be clean;
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1 Corinthians 2:16

For who has known the mind of the Lord,
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But **we have the mind of Christ.**

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