



## CALVARY CHAPEL

### Born From Above

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***John 3:1-8** Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." **3** Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." **4** "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" **5** Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."*

- Our Citizenship is not from here, it is from ABOVE.

***Philippians 3:20** But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ*

- "I was made for Heaven"

***Philippians 3:17-20** Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. **18** For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. **19** Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. **20** But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ*

- **Billy Graham:** "The Bible says that as long as we are here on earth, we are strangers in a foreign land. There are enemies to be conquered before we return home. This world is not our home; our citizenship is in heaven."

- As Christ followers, our authority comes from ABOVE.

***John 18:36** Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."*

***1 Peter 3:11-14** Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, **12** looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along. On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. **13** But we are looking*

forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness. **14** And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.

**Colossians 3:2** "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

- What you set your mind on determines how you live.
- You can't live from above with a mindset stuck below.
- Our HOPE comes from ABOVE.

**Isaiah 40:31** but those who HOPE in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint

- **7 Discipleship Values**
- **Spend Time with Jesus**- Seek His Kingdom, Put your Trust/Life/Hope in His hands
- **Live on Mission**- With Heaven in mind

**Philippians 3:13-14** Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

- **In 2026**
- I don't lose hope when things fall apart
- I don't live in fear of the future
- I don't cling to things that won't last
- Because my home... is from above.

**Romans 15:13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him (in this New Year), so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Call **321.574.6970** if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation.