

Fresh Start Part 1



7 Directives For A FRESH START

DIRECTIVE # 1

Remember you must be born again.

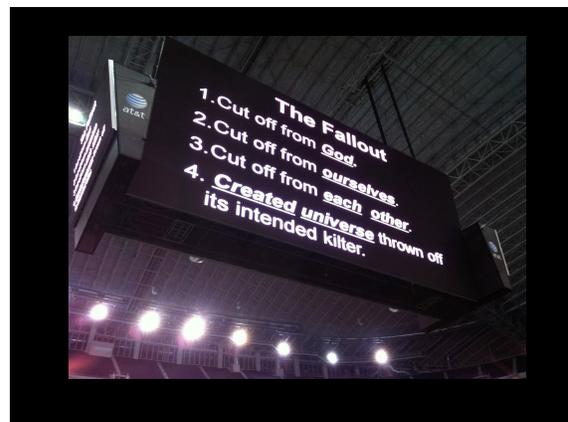
The greatest need you have is to realize that without a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, you are dead.

How can you have a fresh start?

A. You must realize your spiritual condition.

Ephesians 2:1 (NLT)

"Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins."



How can you have a fresh start?

1. Your dead spiritual nature cannot produce life.

*We are all infected and impure with sin.
When we display our righteous deeds,
they are nothing but filthy rags.
Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall,
and our sins sweep us away like the wind.
Isaiah 64:6 (NLT)*

How can you have a fresh start?

1. Your dead spiritual nature cannot produce life.

*These desires give birth to sinful actions.
And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives
birth to death.*

James 1:15 (NLT)

How can you have a fresh start?

2. Your dead sinful nature cannot discern God.

*But people who aren't spiritual can't receive
these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish
to them and they can't understand it, for only
those who are spiritual can understand what
the Spirit means.*

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NLT)

How can you have a fresh start?

3. Your dead sinful nature is totally corrupt.

*You are battered from head to foot ---
covered with bruises, welts, and infected wounds -
without any soothing ointments or bandages.*

Isaiah 1:6 (NLT)

4. Your dead sinful nature cannot be renovated.

How can you have a fresh start?

- B. You must be born again

John 3: 7 (NLT)

*"So don't be surprised when I say,
'You must be born again.'"*

The new birth cannot be obtained by self-effort.

**To live the life of God –
we must have the nature
of God in us.**

How can you have a fresh start?

1. The new birth is altogether a work of God.

But to all who believed and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn – not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

John 1: 12-13 (NLT)

How can you have a fresh start?

2. You cannot inherit the new birth.

**God has no
GRANDCHILDREN!**

How can you have a fresh start?

3. The new birth does not come by:

- Church membership
- Church attendance
- Church or charitable giving

**The new birth is a divine work –
We are born of God!**

How do I get born again?

- ✓ You must realize and admit....YOU ARE DEAD
 - Be sick and tired of being dead; from being cut off from God
 - Be sick and tired of running your own life
 - Be sick and tired of ignoring God
 - Be sick and tired of wearing masks

How do I get born again?

- ✓ Give up
- ✓ Cry uncle
- ✓ Invite Jesus to come into your life
 - Clean up the mess
 - Give you a new life
 - Give you a new start
- ✓ BEGIN FRESH!

How do I get born again?

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death to life."

John 5: 24 (NLT)

How do I get born again?

God saved you by grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

Ephesians 2:8 (NLT)

What happens if I receive Jesus into my life?

1. All your sins will be forgiven!
2. You will share the very life of God living in you.
3. You will be attached to God for eternity.
4. You will live as long as God lives.....FOREVER!



**Have you been
born again?**