



ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?

John 3:1-12

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In John 3, Jesus teaches Nicodemus, a prominent religious leader, that God's kingdom is accessible only to those who receive a new nature by God's Spirit. In other words, it belongs only to those who have been "born again" (3:3). God's kingdom is mysterious, and only those whose hearts God has opened will understand how Jesus has fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies.

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*"Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." **3** Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." **4** Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" **5** Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' **8** The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." **9** Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" **10** Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? **11** Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. **12** If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"*

Jesus says "listen closely" three times...

- "Born AGAIN" means "Born from ABOVE" (v 3)
- "Born of WATER and SPIRIT" means "Spiritual CLEANSING" (v 5)
- "Bear WITNESS" means to "BELIEVE in JESUS" (v 11)

*"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day." **John 6:44***

1. A Person is Spiritually DEAD in DARKNESS Before Spiritually ALIVE in the LIGHT. (v 1-3)

- REGENERATION is the act of God alone, where He RENEWS the human heart, making it ALIVE when it was dead.

2. The Effective Work of the HOLY SPIRIT Changes a Person's NATURE. (v 4-8)

- HEART transformation results in BEHAVIOR modification.

3. Spiritual BLINDNESS Results in NOT Entering The KINGDOM of God. (v 9-12)

- UNBELIEF is the cause of IGNORANCE.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*