

September 16, 2018  
John 3:1-21

## **BORN AGAIN**

### **I. Introduction: Nicodemus Has An Encounter With Jesus**

Nicodemus: "You are Israel's teacher" John 3:10

### **II. The Must Of New Birth: (John 3:1-3)**

Born Again = To Be Born From Above = Being \_\_\_\_\_

#### **A. The Nature of Humanity Makes It A Must**

Nicodemus was a \_\_\_\_\_ Man  
*What we have does not change who we are*

Nicodemus was a \_\_\_\_\_ Man  
*What we achieve does not change who we are*

Nicodemus was a \_\_\_\_\_ Man  
*What we do does not change what we are*

#### **B. The Nature Of Heaven Makes Is A Must**

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, no one can **see the kingdom of God** unless they are **born again**." John 3:3

### **III. The Mystery Of The New Birth: John 3:4-8**

#### **A. He Compares It To Birth**

- Physical Life Provides Life
- Physical Birth Happens Only Once
- Physical Birth Takes Place Because of Suffering
- Physical Birth Gives An Infant A New Start

## **B. He Compares The Mystery To A Breeze**

“The wind blows wherever it pleases” John 3:8

## **IV. The Means Of New Birth: Vs. 13-15**

### **A. The Role Of The Savior (Vs. 13-14)**

### **B. The Role Of The Sinner (Vs. 15)**

## **V. Conclusion And Application:**

### **Points To Ponder Week of September 17<sup>th</sup> John 3:1-21**

#### **Open It**

1. \*When have you felt like you wanted to start life all over again?
2. Why do people like to get new things (such as clothes, cars, or gadgets)?
3. What is the best gift you have ever received?

#### **Explore It**

4. To what group did Nicodemus belong? (3:1)
5. At what time did Nicodemus visit Jesus? (3:2)
6. Why did Nicodemus believe Jesus was from God? (3:2)

7. What is the qualification for seeing the kingdom of God? (3:3)
8. What did Nicodemus think Jesus meant when He said that a person must be born again? (3:4)
9. \*What is required to enter the kingdom of God? (3:5-6)
10. How did Jesus compare the wind to the Spirit? (3:8)
11. Why should Nicodemus have understood what Jesus said? (3:10)
12. About what category of things did Jesus say He was talking? (3:12)
13. Who did Jesus say had gone to heaven? (3:13)
14. How did Jesus compare Moses' snake with the Son of Man? (3:14)
15. \*What is the result of believing in the Son of Man? (3:15, 18)
16. How did God demonstrate His love for the world? (3:16)
17. \*Why did God send His Son into the world? (3:17)
18. How does the person who lives by truth respond to the light? (3:19-21)

**Get It**

19. When would you say you were born again?
20. \*How would you describe what it means to be born again to someone?

21. What were some of the circumstances that led you to Jesus?
22. What were some of the things that caused you to believe that Jesus is the Son of God?
23. Why are spiritual truths often hard to understand?
24. What are a few spiritual truths that you struggle to understand?
25. \*How does God's gift of His Son affect our lives?
26. How can a person live by the light?

**Apply It**

27. How will you change your daily routine to better appreciate and enjoy God's gift of His Son?
28. \*For what specific spiritual truths will you seek answers this week?