

John 3

Born Again

Welcome back and here we go!

Today we tackle John Chapter 3. There are many memorable verses in Chapter 3. That makes for great conversation!

We have already talked about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now let's talk about being *born again* as well as some important spiritual principles.

Remember: God thought ---- spoke (Jesus) --- created (Holy Spirit)

An easy way to understand the order of events. ALWAYS, we need God's words to accomplish spiritual objectives. But in order to be capable, we must be *born again*!

John 3:1-21

Nicodemus: believed to be Josephus' Brother and was one of the three wealthiest people in Jerusalem! He spoke up for Jesus in Chapter 7 and, helped bury Jesus. As a result, he was later stripped of his title, position and wealth! He lived out his final years persecuted!

John 3:1-8

1) How do you know you have been *born again*?

2) Can you prove it?

Truly it is a heart matter and a matter of faith. Can you dispute a person's salvation based on their actions? No. Many Christians sound like Truckers!

Remember, being *born again* is a fact --- not a FEELING! Also, being *born again* doesn't necessarily mean a change in behaviors!

3) Explain *Regeneration (being born again)*.

It is interesting because in **John 2:23-25**, it says "*Jesus knew all men*". Then in **Verse 3:1** it says "*There was a man...*" who Jesus committed His evening to. Jesus knew his heart and his intent. Just as He knows ours. He knows your struggles, your fears, your addictions, your anger, your unforgiveness, your lust.

He knows you, yet here you are --- *born again*. Jesus knows your heart.

You have the Holy Spirit. I am going to teach you something today about the Spirit.

John 3:8 'The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

If the Spirit is who does the work, as we have established:

- 4) How would you invite the Holy Spirit to do a work here? Today / Tonight

===== Holy Spirit Prayer =====

There are two more things I would like to discuss today as we study Chapter 3.

John 3:14-15, Numbers 21:8-9

Jesus, pointing to the cross, speaks of a spiritual healing, a restoration of sorts.

- 5) When you look at the cross, what do you see?

By the way, the sign for A.M.A. today is a serpent and of course, as always, satan used it to be a curse. ***II Kings 18:4***

I am just trying to give you all the info!

John 3:16-17

We all love these verses.

God's LOVE --- so great --- so complete!

John 3:18-21

- 6) How does your personal sin keep you separated from God?

I know for me, shame, guilt, lust --- these all keep me from the light!

Let's pray for forgiveness as we seek a stronger walk.

Look to the cross!

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