



Introduction: The phrase ‘Born Again’ is used in many ways. Jesus explains it means receiving new life from God, not becoming more religious or moral

Who was Nicodemus? (John 3:1-2)

- ✓ One of the few religious leaders who believed in Jesus
- ✓ A member of the influential Jewish Council
- ✓ Religious, educated, moral — yet still needing new life

Jesus shows that religion alone cannot bring us into God’s Kingdom

The key topics in John 3

- New Birth (3:5-6)
- Jesus The Teacher (John 3:1-21)
- Jesus the Bridegroom (John 3:22-30)
- The Witness (John 3:31-36)

Membership in the Kingdom

- The kingdom of God is not just for the Jews but for all ‘born again’ (3:5)
- The kingdom is personal, not national or ethnic.
- **Requirement:** repentance and spiritual rebirth - born of water and the Spirit

Physical versus Spiritual

- Why could Nick not understand Jesus at first?
- Nobody can see the wind but only what it does
- Similarly, nobody can see the Holy Spirit,
- only the effects of his work in a person’s life

As Moses lifted up the Serpent

- Illustration from the Wilderness (3:9-15)
- Israel exercised their faith in the cure God prescribed.
- Today People are saved through faith in Christ

The Heart of the Gospel (3:16)

This verse teaches:

- God's love
- Humanity's need
- God's gift — His Son
- Our response — believing

John the Baptist's Testimony - Example of Humility 3:22-30

- John shows an amazing level of humility: 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'
- For John the Baptist: Jesus is the main attraction; I am just the warm-up band.

God's seal of approval on Jesus – the final choice: 3:31-36

- What is your choice in light of these verses? verses 34-36

Conclusion and Reflection:

- New life comes from God alone, through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Have I experienced this new birth?
- Am I trusting Jesus, or my religious efforts?

Questions and Discussion

1. Why did Nicodemus go to see Jesus?
2. How did Jesus' illustration help to explain new birth?
3. Why did God send his Son, Jesus, to earth?
4. How did John the Baptist view Jesus?
5. How can one know a 'Born Again' Christian?