

# HOW JESUS TURNED THE FOUND AROUND

## The Chosen: Part 4

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There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. <sup>2</sup>After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup>“What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”

<sup>5</sup>Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. <sup>7</sup>So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>“How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup>Jesus replied, “You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don’t understand these things? <sup>11</sup>I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won’t believe our testimony. <sup>12</sup>But if you don’t believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

John 3:1–15 (NLT)

## BEFORE CHRIST...

### 1. MY BIGGEST PROBLEM IS THAT I’M SPIRITUALLY DEAD.

*“And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.”” (Genesis 2:16–17, CSB)*

*“...We were dead because of our sins, but God loved us so much that he made us alive with Christ...” (Ephesians 2:4, CEV)*

### 2. MY BIGGEST MISTAKE IS TRYING TO FIX MY BIGGEST PROBLEM BY MYSELF.

*“For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.” (Romans 3:20, NLT)*

“Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”” (John 3:3, NLT)

## HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN

**G**od so loved the world that He gave His  
**O**nly begotten  
**S**on, that whoever believes in Him should not  
**P**erish but have  
**E**verlasting  
**L**ife. (John 3:16, NKJV)

**To be born again, I must...**

### 1. **RECOGNIZE** God’s love.

“God **SO LOVED**...”

“God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. **THIS IS REAL LOVE**—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” (1 John 4:9–10, NLT)

### 2. **REALIZE** God’s gift.

“God so loved...that **HE GAVE**...”

“The free **gift of eternal salvation** is now being offered to everyone.” (Titus 2:11, The Living Bible)

“Out of sheer generosity [God] put us in right standing with himself. **A PURE GIFT**. He got us out of the mess we’re in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.” (Romans 3:24, MSG)

“For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in **exchange**, he poured God’s goodness into us!” (2 Corinthians 5:21, The Living Bible)

### 3. **RECEIVE** God’s grace.

“God so loved...that he gave...**WHOEVER BELIEVES**...”

“But to all who did **receive** him, who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,” (John 1:12, ESV)

*“For it is **by grace you have been saved, through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—**not by works**, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8–9, NIV)*

4. **RESPOND** to Christ’s command.

*“God so loved...that he gave...whoever believes...[will] have everlasting life!”*

*“Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, **what should we do**? Peter replied, “All of you must **turn away from your sins and be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ. Then your sins will be forgiven. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”” (Acts 2:37–38, NLT/NIrV)*

*“Those who **believed** what Peter said were **baptized** and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.” (Acts 2:41, NLT)*

**ACTION STEPS**

**Believe & Receive eternal life.**

**Get baptized at *Easter!***