



# grace & truth.



## Grace & Truth Week 4: John 3:1-21

In the passage we considered this week we looked at Jesus' teaching on the new birth. We learned about the necessity, nature, basis, and reception of the new birth.

### Discussion Questions:

- J.C. Ryle said, "A man may be ignorant of many things in religion and yet be saved. But to be ignorant of the matters handled in this chapter [John 3], is to be in the broad way which leads to destruction." In your own words, why are the matters contained in John 3, so important?
- According to verses 1-8, what are the requirements for entering the kingdom of God? How does Ezekiel 36:25-27 explain them?
- How does the story of the bronze snake (Numbers 21:4-9) relate to the gaining of eternal life (John 3:14-15)?
- What do verses 19-21 tell us about why people do or do not believe?
- Why is the new birth entirely different from just trying harder to be religious?
- If you have experienced the new birth as described in John 3, what were the circumstances surrounding how you came to be alive to the things of God and become a new person in Christ? For example, did God bring about your new birth through a church service, a relationship with a friend or mentor, a small group gathering, or something else?