

“YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN!”

(John 3:1-12)

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN’S GOSPEL

II. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

III. WITNESSING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (1:19-51)

IV. THE SIGNS SECTION: PROVING THAT JESUS WAS THE CHRIST (2:1-12:50)

A. Jesus Christ’s Encounter with Nicodemus (3:1-12)

1. The absolute necessity of the New Birth (3:3, 5, 7)

- a. Nicodemus was a _____ and a member of the _____.
(v. 1)

- b. Nicodemus believed in _____ and that Jesus was a _____, teacher, and a _____ sent from God. (v. 2)

- c. Nicodemus was _____, he needed to be _____.
(vv. 3-4)

2. The nature of the New Birth (3:4, 8)

- a. “*Born of water*” refers to the _____ birth, one’s _____ birth.
(v. 5a)

- b. “*Born of the Spirit*” refers to the _____ birth, a _____ birth. (v. 5b)

- c. According to Scripture, the “Agent” of regeneration is _____, as the Father _____ our regeneration (John 1:13; James 1:18a), and the Holy Spirit _____ our regeneration (John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:4-6).

* Why is verse 5 not a reference to water baptism?

- d. Jesus emphasized the contrasts between _____ birth (*"flesh"*) and the _____ birth (*"Holy Spirit"*). (v. 6)
- e. Christ underscored the absolute _____, the _____... *"You must be born again."* (v. 7)
- f. Jesus' point is that the wind is _____, and so is _____ regeneration (the birth from above). (v. 8)
- g. Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a member of the Sanhedrin with great responsibility; and yet, he _____ understand the _____ of the new birth, which was _____ foreign to the OT. (vv. 9-10; cf. Job 33:4; Isa. 44:3; 59:21; Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 11:19-20; 36:26-27; Joel 2:28-29)
- h. The Lord _____ Nicodemus for his _____ of _____ as a teacher of Israel on this very important topic. (vv. 11-12)

* Have you personally been born again?