

Jesus is Eternal Life

John 3:1-21

Nicodemus wants Jesus to teach him, Jesus gives him three important lessons:

Lesson One: The Kingdom is a work of the Spirit not the flesh.

- **Miracle of salvation, healing/restoration, sanctification/transformation, sovereignty, provision, redemption**
- **Matthew 6:10**, "Your kingdom come, your will be done."

Lesson Two: Entrance into the Kingdom is by faith not works.

-The kingdom is a gift, not a reward.

When we believe the kingdom, God's blessing, and eternal life is earned:

- **Pride:** At first we change some stuff and feel pretty good about ourselves.
- **Hypocrisy:** We recognize that beneath the surface something is wrong.
- **Disillusionment/hopelessness:** Will I ever change?

Ten Commandments- Is there anyone who has always kept all of these?

- 1. Do not put anything before me**
- 2. Do not make an image to represent me**
- 3. Do not take the Lord's name in vain**
- 4. Keep the Sabbath**
- 5. Honor your father and mother**
- 6. Do not commit murder**
- 7. Do not commit adultery**
- 8. Do not steal**
- 9. Do not lie**
- 10. Do not covet**

Matthew 22:37-40

Philippians 2:12-13, "Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."

Galatians 5:22, The fruit of the Spirit is love, Joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. Against these there is no law.

John 10:10, "The Devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy but I have come to give you life, life abundant.

Lesson Three: I came to bring salvation not judgement.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Where is the mercy? Matthew 5:7

Nicodemus was judgmental, Jesus says I did not come to judge the world but to save it. Jesus came to bring grace, forgiveness, mercy, truth, and new life.

What if we were known for what we are for, not just what we are against?