

John 3:1-21 NASB

Who was Nicodemus?

- Pharisee – Jewish religious leader
- Teacher of Israel – very knowledgeable and intelligent – Israel’s teachers set the bar for following God
- Member of the Sanhedrin
- Has status and authority with wealth and prestige
- Met Jesus at night in secret to avoid being seen, fear of man
- Witnessed Jesus’ teaching and the threats against Him and His disciples
- First to hear this idea of “born again”
- Later defends Jesus to other Pharisees (John 7)
- Joins Joseph of Arimathea to care for Jesus’ body in burial

What does it mean to be “born again”?

- Greek word “Anothen”(G509) means again or from above
- Jesus tells Nicodemus that he needs a new beginning and that this new life must come from above. It cannot be added to his existing life.

Why should I be born again?

- God loves you
- Satan wants you
- Christ died for you
- Judgement faces you
- Hell awaits for you
- Heaven is calling for you
- Eternity is warning you

3 Do not’s for eternal life

1. Don’t create another way when the way has been made clear (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)
2. Don’t make optional what Jesus says is a must (John 3:7)
3. Don’t complicate what Jesus says is simple (John 3:15-18)

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- Resume building

Think about the thief on the cross

- All he had to do was believe
- Belief is the hinge upon which heaven’s door opens
- Belief is the fork in the road between eternal life and eternal damnation

Sermon Discussion Questions:
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For personal, continued, and family discussion

1. Read John 3:1-21 in a couple different translations. What stands out to you most about this passage?
2. When thinking about Nicodemus, what about his life and story can you relate to?
3. Share about a time when you or someone you witnessed experienced the transformation of being born again. What were some key moments and evidence that their life had transformed?
4. Who is someone you would like to see born again this year? How can you start the conversation with them about this story of Nicodemus?
5. When thinking about the 3 “do not’s” of eternal life, are there any ways you have violated these and what is Holy Spirit revealing to you about that?
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6. How can you encourage someone this week with what you’ve learned from this message?